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(By Captain E. S. Normansville in the Daily Chronicle). Remarkable Value: On the Hudson-Eggs stand, which is just inside the Hammer-smith Road entrance, are examples of the Hudson range of cars. Here, again, amongst people who really know comparative car performance, is a vehicle which also stands pre-eminent.

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THE "FEICHING".

BRITISH WARSHIP STANDS BY.

REFLOATING HOPES.

In connection with the stranding of the s.s. Feiching, a China Merchants Company vessel, on Thunder Head, north of Swatow, as reported in the Telegraph yesterday, telegraphic advice has been received from the Shanghai office of the owning company that assistance has been sent to the ship from Swatow. A tug boat has also been dispatched in the hope of getting the vessel off.

Since we published yesterday it has been ascertained that the vessel left standing by the stranded ship was the s.s. Toonan, another ship owned by the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company, which is engaged in the Shanghai-Swatow trade.

In order to prevent the possibility of attack on the stranded ship by pirates, H.M.S. Magnolia has gone up to the scene of the stranding and is standing by.

It appears that the s.s. Feiching is not in any serious danger. She lies on soft mud and it is thought that after lightening her as much as possible the tug which has gone to her will be able to get her off. There has been no casualty.

EUROPEAN MOTORIST FINED.

REBUKED FOR JEERING IN COURT.

"You do not appear to understand that this is a Court of Justice. You will kindly treat my Court with the strictest reserve or I will fine you for contempt of Court," was the warning Mr. E. W. Hamilton gave Mr. E. C. Bell, who during the evidence of an Indian constable, jeered at a particular curse, which the latter alleged Mr. Bell used when his attention was drawn to his car left unattended in Nathan Road at 2.40 p.m. on January 3.

Defendant, who appeared on a charge of leaving his car unattended, entered a plea of not guilty.

An Indian constable stated that he observed motor car No. 292 opposite the Military Hospital in Nathan Road, with the engine running. A number of Portuguese children approached the car and, fearing that they would interfere with the vehicle, he ordered them away. He sounded the horn to attract the owner's attention, with the result that the defendant emerged from No. 94 and cursed witness for sounding the horn.

In reply to the defendant, the constable said that the car was unattended for a quarter of an hour.

The defendant elected to make a statement and said that he was halfway up his stair when he heard the horn and went down immediately.

His Worship convicted and requested the defendant to explain his absence yesterday, when the summons was called.

The defendant produced his copy and remarked, "2.40 p.m."

His Worship, on reading the summons, pointed out that 2.40 p.m. was the time he was alleged to have committed the offence. On examining the summons again, the defendant said that he had made a mistake.

His Worship again remarked

TRAMCAR DAMAGED.

SEQUAL IN COURT.

After being adjourned for further evidence to be obtained, a Chinese was again brought up at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, charged with damaging a tramcar through negligence.

When the driver of a motor car left it in Queen's Road West to go to a garage, leaving a Chinese in the driving seat, the car ran backwards, and collided with a stationary tramcar, damaging the latter to the extent of \$25, and also causing damage to the car.

It was stated, at the last hearing, that there was another man in the car, and, giving evidence this morning, he said he felt ill so he sat in the car with the other man, and the defendant operated the self-starter, causing the car to run backwards.

The licensed driver said the starting handle had been lost, and the defendant told him that he wished to start the car with the self-starter. Witness told he must not do so.

The defendant admitted he operated the self-starter, but did not know what he was doing. It was stated that the owner of the car had sent the sum of \$25 to the Tramway Company for the damages sustained by the tram, and Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$20 or fourteen days.

B. A. T. PROGRESS.

CHAIRMAN ON CHINESE SITUATION.

London, Jan. 12. At the annual meeting of the British American Tobacco Company, Limited, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, presiding, stated that investments in the associated companies had risen from sixteen million to £16,155,000. The directors were satisfied that this was less than the shares would realise as going concerns.

The net profit for the year was £5,145,000, an increase of £278,000. A final dividend was recommended of 27 pence a share.

Alluding to the company's investments in China, the chairman said the parent company were by far the largest shareholders in the China company.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen said there was a background of stability and practical experience in China which had enabled her to weather storms similar to the present one for many centuries, though patience would be necessary and possibly a good deal of re-adjustment. He had every confidence that China was moving forward steadily as a great commercial and industrial country, where there should be a constantly expanding market.

TEA SHOP SCENE.

CUSTOMER'S THREAT WITH CHOPPER.

A scene in a Chinese tea shop, last evening, in which a Chinese brandished a chopper at the doorway, inviting all the sundry to come out and fight, had a sequel at the Central Police Court this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when a Chinese was charged with disorderly conduct.

A waitress at the shop said the defendant entered the shop for a cup of tea, and started to abuse her, because, he said, she was not attending to him properly. As a result the master turned him out. Shortly afterwards the defendant returned with a chopper, and standing in the doorway, invited them to come out and fight. The police arrived and put an end to the scene.

DRASTIC ACTION.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUSPENDS SOUTH CHINA.

REFUSAL SEQUEL.

"Wanderer" semi-officially learns this morning, and it can be accepted as correct, that at a meeting of the Management Committee of the Hongkong Football League last evening, it was decided, as a result of the action of South China Athletic Association in refusing to fulfil their League engagement with the Police on Club ground on Saturday last, to award the two League points to the Police and to fine the South China Athletic Association the maximum penalty, \$5.

It was further learned that the Committee subsequently went into a full discussion of the general attitude adopted by the South China Athletic Association towards the League, and finally decided to suspend the South China Athletic Association until such time as a suitable apology is forthcoming.

The resolution relating to the suspension of the Association. "Wanderer" understands, while not arising directly from the events of last week, was brought to a head by the demand of South China's first eleven that as it was their home League match the game with the Police should have been played at Sookumpoo.

It is, however, understood that incidents occurring prior to Saturday were referred to in the course of the discussion.

Interviewed this morning, a representative of the South China Athletic Association said that he considered the action of the League unjustified, declaring that as the match with the Police, was their home game, they were entitled to consideration when the venue was fixed. He stated that the opinion of the official body was that the game should have been played and a protest afterwards entered, but the attitude of South China, he said, was that of self-defence.

It follows, of course, that had the match been played at Sookumpoo, as South China desired, their Association, would have benefited financially, and apart from the fact that it is the opinion that financial considerations have been allowed to intrude too far into football locally, it is generally felt that South China stepped on the wrong side of the line in their refusal to play where directed. The sporting way out of a situation, which was delicate to say the least, was that of playing the match and formally protesting to the Management Committee, where no doubt their grievances would have been given due consideration.

The suspension will be reported to the Hongkong Football Association, and, no doubt, the South China Athletic Association will use their right of appeal to the Association. A general meeting of that body is to be held to-morrow evening and there is a possibility that the League action will form a subject for discussion.

TETANUS ANTI-TOXIN.

ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC TRIUMPH.

Paris, Jan. 12.

Dr. Roux, the Director of the Pasteur Institute, has announced to the Academy of Sciences that Drs. Ramon and Zeiler have discovered an anti-toxin giving permanent and complete immunity from Tetanus. The anti-toxin can be injected even in large doses without inconvenience into all wounds liable to cause Tetanus, and supplies will soon be at the

MACAO AND THE STRIKE.

SITUATION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

News to hand from Macao indicates that in some respects the strike situation there is beginning to show signs of improvement.

It is reported that a prominent Macao merchant has been negotiating for some time with the Strike Committee to permit a steamer to run between that port and Canton, carrying passengers but no cargo. It is stated that these negotiations have proved successful and that regular sailings will probably begin in about ten days.

Ever since the strike, after communication between Shan, near Macao, and Kowloon, has been suspended, until the 10th instant, when it was resumed. It is stated that it is on account of the near approach of Chinese New Year that the Strike Union has consented to allow vessels to resume their usual sailings on this run.

ATHERLEY CASE ADJOURNED.

FOREMAN OF JURY INDIPOSED.

Further proceedings in the trial of James E. Atherley, on charges of misappropriation of funds belonging to Messrs. Getz, Brothers, of which he was the Manager in Hongkong, were adjourned this morning on account of the absence, owing to sickness, of the foreman of the jury, Mr. P. M. N. da Silva. In this connection, His Honour Sir Henry Gollan said he had spoken with both Counsel and thought that the best thing to do was to adjourn the hearing until to-morrow morning, at 10.30, by which time it was hoped that Mr. Silva would have sufficiently recovered to be able to attend Court.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S DEATH.

SUCCUMBS IN SINGAPORE.

Telegraphic news has been received here by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., stating that Mr. M. R. Davis, the Chief Engineer of the Indo-China s.s. Laisang, has died at Singapore from double pneumonia and pleurisy. The funeral took place yesterday.

The late Mr. Davis joined the Indo-China Company in May, 1914, and since that time has been service on many of the Company's ships, but for the most part had been on the Calcutta-Japan run. His home was in Calcutta, but he was well-known to a wide circle of shipping men in Hongkong and on the China coast.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

RAPID RECOVERY EXPECTED.

Rapallo, Jan. 12.

A bulletin states that Sir Austen Chamberlain spent a most satisfactory night. The cough continues but the temperature has fallen. The catarrhal affection on the right side of the respiratory organs has considerably decreased and everything points to a rapid recovery, owing to a strong constitution and the perfect functioning of the heart.

DISARMAMENT.

CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

Paris, Jan. 12.

The Quai d'Orsay states that the preliminary Disarmament Conference will commence as anticipated on 15th February. The Soviet

COAL INDUSTRY.

LITTLE ABSENTEEISM IN SCOTLAND.

WORSE IN ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 12.

A demand for the restoration of an eight-hour day in the mines was the chief point in the evidence submitted to the Coal Commission on behalf of the owners, witnesses declaring that the standards of living must rest on stable economic conditions, while savings could also be effected and earnings increased if the miners attended to their work with greater regularity. It was pointed out that absenteeism in Scotland averages 3½ per cent. and in England and Wales 8½ per cent. The owners express their willingness to meet the miners with the utmost goodwill but are opposed to the establishment of compulsory machinery for the settlement of disputes. They are unable to point any royal road to the recovery of the industry but are confident that lower costs of production would stimulate the already growing demand for British coal.

NO FEAR OF OIL.

Later.

Mr. Evan Williams, President of the Mining Association, questioned by the Chairman, Sir Herbert Samuel, declared that they were not afraid of the competition of oil in the future. He believed that in the case of big liners the cost of burning oil was greatly in excess of coal burning and there was no reason why in the course of time coal should not be put in liners in a form enabling the use of it with greater economy than oil. He opined that the very existence of Britain depended on a larger export trade in coal. Large contracts were often lost simply through a difference of three-half-pence or three-pence per ton in price.

The Chairman declared that if the Association's proposals were accepted the British miners would be working longer than French, Belgian or German miners, and Mr. Williams replied that their wages would be considerably higher. He asserted that the unrest in the industry was not spontaneous but was the result of a deliberate attempt by the miners' leaders to prevent the reconstruction of the industry as a private enterprise after decontrol.

A memorandum by the Mining Association was submitted prior to the taking of evidence and this said that if the Railway Wages Bill reduced all rates, the mineral goods traffic could be reduced by 25 per cent.—*Reuter.*

PALM BEACH HAVEN.

EX-KING TIRED OF INTRIGUE.

Palm Beach, Florida, Jan. 12. Ex-King George the Second of Greece is expected to arrive shortly at the Floranada Club, the winter headquarters of British and other foreign visitors here.

The Ex-King's brother, Prince Paul, who is at present in Chicago, declared, that his brother was tired of Balkan intrigues, and hoped to build a home amid

BIAS BAY PIRATES.

SHIPPING JOURNAL'S SUGGESTION.

Commenting on the recent piracy of the s.s. Tungchow, Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai) concludes:—

There is one other little matter to do with piracy in regard to which we should like to offer a suggestion. All vessels on the China Coast keep to fairly well-defined routes and to fairly punctual schedules. Our suggestion is that if before the destruction of the pirates' lair (we are assuming it to be inevitable) any vessel is, say more than twelve hours overdue at any port, let pessimism prevail. Let the worst be assumed: that worst being that the vessel has fallen into the hands of pirates, and is being taken to Bias Bay. A British naval vessel could get from Hongkong to Bias Bay in less than three hours; and there it could wait, either till news came that the missing vessel had turned up, or, alternatively, till she arrived at Bias Bay in charge of the pirates. Tableau! After all, ninety-one hours is a very long time for any vessel to be in the unhindered charge of pirates on one of the busiest seas of the world.

FRENCH FINANCES.

AVOIDING INFLATION.

Paris, Jan. 12.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber heard M. Doumer yesterday, who insisted upon the necessity of assuring immediately receipts in order to avoid inflation and declared that in the course of the month of December the outgoings of the Treasury exceeded the receipts by 10 milliards 450 millions, which partial efforts will not suffice to meet. He insisted on the question of extraordinary temporary taxes on payments which will disappear after the improvement of direct taxation. In reply to a question, M. Doumer declared that he expects to meet the repayment of short-term loans falling due in 1926 by transforming them into loans repayable in longer periods, a plan which becomes possible after the return of confidence following the vote on the financial proposals.

Indopacifi. M. Briand received the Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce who have intimated their willingness to support him in his efforts to redress the financial situation. M. Briand thanked them and said that the situation can be rapidly improved provided the Government has the support and confidence of the whole country and the co-operation of all good citizens.—*Indopacifi.*

BERLIN EMBASSY.

LORD D'ABERNON'S POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR.

London, Jan. 12.

The Daily Express states that the Hon. Ronald Lindsay will shortly succeed Lord D'Abernon as British Ambassador at Berlin.—*Indopacifi.*

[The Hon. Ronald Charles Lindsay, C.B., C.V.O., who is the fifth son of the Earl of Crawford, has already had a distinguished diplomatic career. Commanding as an Attaché at St. Petersburg in 1898, he served later at Teheran, Washington, Paris, and the Hague. He was also in the Egyptian Government service for a time. After being Minister Plenipotentiary at Paris for a year, 1920-21, he entered the Foreign Office as Additional Under

AFTER DANCE.

SHANGHAI SPANIARD'S SUICIDE.

SHOT IN CAR.

On returning from the Palais de Danse, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, in the small hours of Jan. 7th, a Spanish citizen, Ramon Donnonsono, aged 30, employed as manager of the Astor House Grill Room, committed suicide by shooting himself in a motor-car.

Donnonsono, a married man whose wife is believed to have been in hospital at the time, drove in a hired car to the cabaret at 11.30 on the previous night. He left this establishment shortly after 2 a.m. in company with another man and a Russian dancer. According to eye-witnesses there was some dispute between them, but they drove off in the same car in the direction of Nanking Road. Near Fokien Road corner the car stopped, the Russian woman and the other foreigner alighting. They took rickshas and proceeded ahead of the car.

Shortly before the latter overtook the rickshas the chauffeur asserts that he heard a noise which he thought was a ricksha tyre bursting, so took no notice and continued on the journey to the Astor House Hotel, whither he had been instructed to go. On arrival at the hotel he produced a chit and, unable to arouse his fare, called to the watchman, who found that deceased had shot himself. On the seat of the car by his side was 25 automatic pistol with two rounds in the magazine, and an empty cartridge case.

EUROPEAN'S LOSS.

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR RECEIVING.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, the adjourned case in which a Chinese lukong is charged with the larceny of a gold watch and chain, an overcoat, and \$40, and with receiving, again came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

The property belongs to Mr. W. Allen, who stated at the previous hearing that while waiting for a ricksha on the bridge of the Bow-nington Canal he put his coat on the parapet, and on looking for it found it was missing. The following morning he discovered the loss of the watch and chain, and the money. Most of the property was later found at the defendant's cubicle.

The defendant said this morning that he invited an old friend into his cubicle, and as he felt warm he took his overcoat off, and hung it on the wall. They later had a drink of wine, and his friend got drunk. He went home, and left the overcoat at his (defendant's) house, promising to return for it on the following day. He did not know his friend had it until he saw his son playing with it. Later the police arrived and found the articles.

The defendant's wife, giving evidence, said she did not know why her husband's friend left the overcoat and watch.

Mr. W. R. Scott (Assistant Superintendent of Police), said the defendant had served eleven months in the Police Force, and he had a good record.

Mr. Lindsell said he considered there was not sufficient evidence to convict for larceny, but on the charge of receiving the property he would send defendant to prison for six months, and fine him

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TAIPING TRIALS.

SUCCESSFUL RUN OF AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL VESSEL.

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The trials of s.s. Taiping, the second of the vessels built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company to the order of Messrs. Yuill and Co., of Sydney (Australia-Orient Line), were carried out yesterday, when the new ship gave a considerably better speed than her contracted 13 knots.

There was a distinguished company on board to see the Taiping put through her paces, among those present being: Lieut-Col. Conates, Major Smith (5/2 Punjab), Mr. S. T. Williamson, Mr. R. M. Johnson (U.S.S.B.), Captain R. Arthur, Captain R. H. Douglas, Messrs. W. Logan, H. C. Shirubole, A. H. White, G. M. Shaw, W. Thayer, F. W. James, C. C. Knigh (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire), C. C. Stark (Vacuum Oil Co.), J. Reid, C. C. Nelson, D. Abbey (Taikoo Dock), R. M. Dyer, E. L. Hosie, E. Cock, J. W. Matthews, H. H. Scott, J. S. McIntosh (H.K. and Whampoa Dock), W. Lang (Lloyds), W. Russell (Harbour Office), A. L. Shields, W. A. R. Douglas, Captain Hamilton, Captain Williams, A. Forsyth (Messrs. Shawan Tynes), A. Keating (Green Island Cement Co.), S. T. Gillingham (Naval Yard), Commander Holt (H.M.S. Hawkins), Commander Coulthart (H.M.S. Marston), Flight Commr. Moulder-Barrett (H.M.S. Hermes), Lieut-Commr. Harvey, Lieut. Shadwell, Dr. Milward, Messrs. A. Denison, J. Rocca (Far East Oxygen Co.), G. E. Elams (H.K. and Whampoa Steamboat Co.), A. W. Rowe (Taxicab Co.), T. E. Jones (Lane Crawford's), J. F. Ormiston (Hollywood, Massey & Co.).

Mr. W. A. R. Douglas, acting as Superintendent for Messrs. Yuill & Co., of Sydney, Captain Kennedy in charge of trials for H.K. and Whampoa Dock Co. and Captain Hamilton, master of s.s. Taiping, Mr. J. Matthews, as designer, Mr. J. S. McIntosh, as Engineer Draughtsman and Mr. H. H. Scott, Supt. Eng., attended in their official capacities.

The piano in the music saloon was specially built by Messrs. Collard and Collard, of London, and supplied by the Anderson Music Company, Ltd. (local agents). Upholstery in cabins, lounges and reading rooms were by Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. Leaving Kowloon Dock at 10.20 a.m. the Taiping proceeded down harbour at slow speed and took the west about passage to Lamma Channel, where the trials took place over the measured mile. The first run was commenced at 11.18 a.m. and the last at 3.40 p.m., the tiffin interval intervening.

Over a mean of several runs, against and with the tide, a speed of 14.6 was maintained, the best being 15.3 and the worst 13.8, in both cases exceeding the contract speed.

Tiffin Speeches.

The ship was anchored at Pien's Bay for tiffin, and at the conclusion, Mr. Dyer, in a brief speech, proposing the prosperity of the Taiping and her owners, referred to the progress which had been marked in the ships built for Messrs. Yuill of Sydney. He trusted the vessels would satisfy the owners. He wished to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Douglas, who throughout the building had worked as one of their own staff.

Mr. Douglas thanked those present for their response to the toast proposed by Mr. Dyer. They could see for themselves the good work the Dock Co. had turned out. The good reports received of the Changte re-assured them as to the possibilities of the Taiping. He proposed the health of the Dock Co., which was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Dyer, replying, said that the Company owed much to their faithful servants. The Company had done their best for

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

December Increases.

London, Jan. 12. The Board of Trade returns for December show the imports to be \$124,268,000 and the exports \$55,768,000, increases of \$19,676,000 and \$4,791,000, compared with November.—*Reuter.*

Messrs. Yuill and Co. remained for the master, Captain Hamilton to complete the good work.

Captain Hamilton responded and thanked Mr. Dyer for his kind remarks. He thought the Taiping a good ship. He admitted that with such a vessel, if he and his officers fell down on the job they were unworthy to hold them.

Progressive Methods.

Mr. Lang, representing Lloyd's, in a brief speech said that he had had the honour of representing his Society in many parts of the world, but on arrival in Hongkong he was surprised to find that the Colony had advanced to such a point in shipbuilding practice. The people at home should know more about Hongkong, especially considering the poor quality of the vessels which had recently arrived from there. The ships were not so good as those produced by Hongkong, and both the people at home and in Australia would soon realise that the Colony could equal, if not better, the shipbuilding products of the world. He would impress upon local shipbuilders, however, the need for keeping in line with progressive methods; the demand was for bigger and cheaper vessels, and he wished to see Hongkong maintaining her supremacy with equipment and docking facilities; never to stop, but to be at least 25 years ahead of her neighbours and provide for the future which was undeniably hers.

Unlimited Labour.

Mr. Reed replied for the guests and the shipbuilding interests, saying that on this day he wished to disassociate himself from anything to do with ships, but Mr. Lang had called the tune. The Kowloon Dock had turned out very good ships and the Taikoo Dock were almost as good, if not better. He thought that with the unlimited resources of labour they had behind them, the local yards could compare very favourably with the showing of the world's shipbuilding centres. On behalf of the guests he thanked both the H.K. and Whampoa Dock Co., and Messrs. G. Yuill and Co., of Sydney, the owners of the Taiping and congratulated them on the achievement of such an excellent vessel.

The Taiping is a replica of the Changte in all essentials, but there are minor differences in decoration and the disposition of the second class lounge accommodation, which is the outcome of practical experience with the latter vessel. These are all to the good and it is safe to say that in her class, there have been no better ships sent afloat than the Taiping.

Sister Ship.

Her sister ship, the Changte, has made the round trip to and from Australia and has met with nothing but praise. Singularly free from vibration, with equipment of the highest possible standard, a maximum comfort and a minimum of that atmosphere usually considered a part of shipboard life, these two vessels are a credit to the Australia-Orient Line, and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock and place Hongkong in line with the world's best in shipbuilding.

On the completion of trials, the Taiping berthed at the Kowloon Dock at 5.30 p.m. and will sail hence on her maiden trip for Australia via Philippine ports and Thursday Island, on January 22.

EXTRATERRITORIALITY.

OPENING SESSION IN PEKING.

Peking, Jan. 12.

The Extraterritorial Commission held its formal opening session this morning. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Ma Chun-wu was elected honorary President, and Mr. Strawn, Chairman of the session, which was held in the same room as the Tariff Commission. Many Chinese and foreign officials were present.

Sir Skinner-Turner proposed that Mr. Wang Chung-huai be Chairman at to-day's sitting, which was unanimously carried. Mr. Wang Chung-huai then called on Mr. Ma Chun-wu to deliver an address of welcome. The latter, in so doing, said it was conceded on all hands that the status of foreigners in China calls for readjustment since China is the only great, independent country where the extraterritorial anomaly continues. China had steadfastly introduced reforms in her legal system and the work of codification had been going on for twenty years and would soon be complete.

Mr. Hioki, replying, said: "We all recognise the extra-territorial regime introduced here is simply a *modus vivendi* and destined to abrogation upon the removal of conditions which called it into being. We sincerely hope the present enquiry will enable us to indicate how soon, and in what manner, this end will be attained with unfailing aid to the Chinese Government. I am certain we shall be able to prepare a fair and constructive report."

Mr. Toussaint proposed that Mr. Ma Chun-wu be elected honorary President.

Mr. Hioki proposed Mr. Strawn as Chairman.

The Portuguese representative, Mr. Bianchi proposed Mr. Hsu Weichen, who is the Shansi judge, as Chinese Secretary General.

All the proposals were unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned after a bare half hour.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.

RECORD LOW LEVEL SINCE 1909.

London, Jan. 12.

A further decline in British shipbuilding is revealed in Lloyd's return for the three months ending December 31st last. Tonnage under construction amounted to 885,000,000, which is 124,000,000 tons below the previous three months and 412,000,000 below the previous year. The present situation is a record low level since September, 1909.

Italy, for the first time, has taken the lead in foreign shipbuilding, at present constructing 309,000,000 tons, of the total world's tonnage of 2,069,000,000. Internal combustion engines with 1,007,000, are overtaking steamers with 1,041,000.—*Reuter.*

SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY.

OPENED AT MOSCOW.

London, Jan. 12.

The Times Riga correspondent reports the opening of the Moscow "Sun Yat-sen University," under the rectorship of Karl Radek to educate Chinese. It has 250 students, including forty women, all belonging to the Kuomintang. The *Isvestia* states the students will chiefly study the theory and practice of revolution.—*Reuter.*

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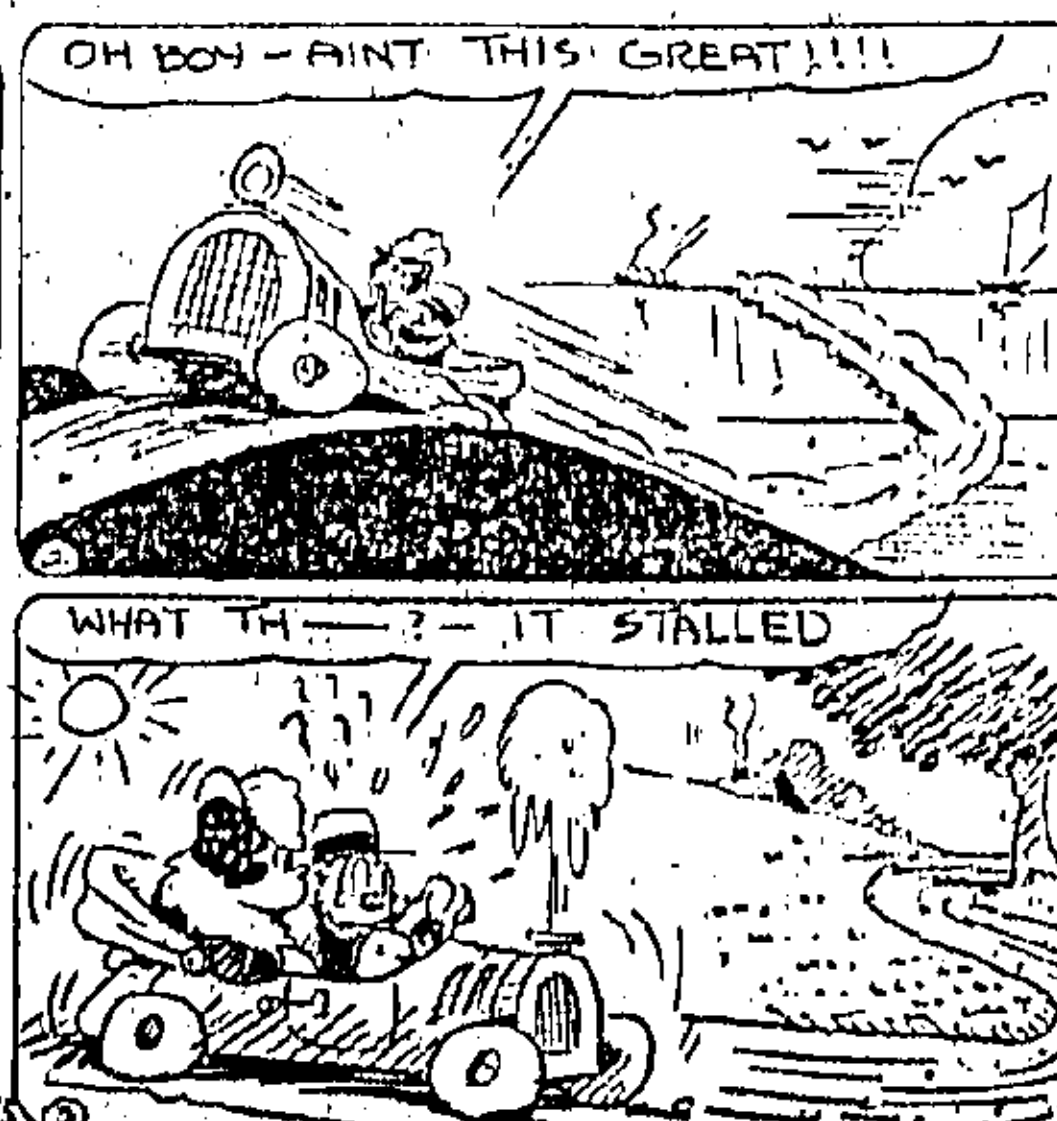
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The Mosul Deportations.



General Laidoner (right), the special Commissioner of the League of Nations, and a Czecho-Slovak colleague, Colonel Jack, photographed in the mountains of Sinai during the investigation into the Turkish deportations of Christians in the Mosul area. ("Times" copyright photograph.)

Chinese Beauty Spot.



Hongkew Park, at Shanghai, abounds in beauty spots, one of which is shown in this photograph.

Kings at a Royal Funeral



The procession at Queen Alexandra's funeral nearing the Abbey, showing the King of the Belgians, King of Denmark, King of Norway, Crown Prince of Rumania, Crown Prince of Sweden, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, Duke of York and Prince Henry.

British Evacuation of Cologne.



The evacuation party of the 7th. Field Company, Royal Engineers, marching through the streets of Cologne on their way to Gerson Station to entrain for Wiesbaden. ("Times" copyright photograph.)

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Hongkong, January 9, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Entries for the forthcoming races close on Saturday, January 23rd 1926, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary c/o Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead and Davis.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd March 1926.

The United Services Cup.

Notice is hereby given that the conditions for this Race have been altered and should read as under:—

CONDITIONS. A Cup will be presented to the Winner with \$400 added. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies the "bona fide" property of and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Regular Forces. "Polo Ponies" leased by Officers will, for the purpose of this Race, be considered as the "bona fide" property of such Officers. Catch weight at 160 lbs. Entrance \$5. Once Round (about 7 furlongs 55 yards).

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The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 15th January to Wednesday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1926

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Hongkong & Territorial Estates, Limited will be held at the office of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Company, St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, General Managers of the said Company on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the sub-joined resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10.00 each to be called Preference Shares to which there shall be attached the special rights and privileges following that is to say:—

(a) The said Preference Shares shall carry the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend from the date of allotment at the rate of 7% per annum on the capital for the time being paid up on such shares.

(b) The capital paid up on the preference shares shall not be liable to cancellation or reduction in respect of loss or depreciation.

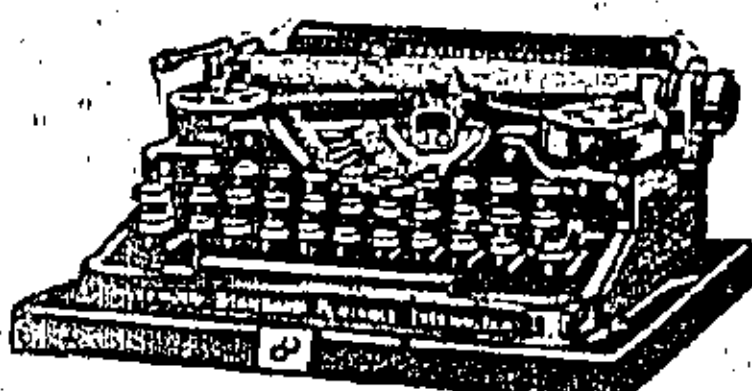
(c) In the event of the winding up of the Company the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets applied in the first place in repaying to them the amount paid up on the preference shares held by them respectively and any arrears of dividend up to the commencement of the winding up whether declared or not, but shall not be entitled to any further participation in such surplus assets.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Yue Lee Yuen to sell by Public Auction of Messrs. Yue Sang Chong, No. 116, Des Vaux Road, Central (1st Floor),

on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1926, at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

3,000 Bags Java White Sugar Dutch Standard 25 and Higher.

The above goods are now stored in the Godowns of The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.

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By Order of the Mortgagees

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Section C of the Northern Portion of the Praya Reclamation to the remaining Portion of Marina Lot No. 69 together with No. 39 Des Vaux Road, West and No. 71 Connaught Road, West erected thereon. Area 2,420 square feet, Crown rent \$44.71.

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On Tuesday the 26th day of January 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

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Mr. A. G. da Rocha

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order the Mortgagee.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesday and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage Period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
Hongkong, 12th Jan, 1926.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M/V "ESQUILINO"

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Messrs. Sze Tai & Co., 32 Hing Lung Street whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 12th January 1926.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 28th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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U. S. AND MEXICO.

LAND LEGISLATION PROVES PERTURBING.

New York, Jan. 12.

Although newspaper despatches from Washington claim that the Government is somewhat concerned over the Mexican attitude regarding the new Mexican land laws, a statement issued at Washington to-day declares that President Coolidge is still convinced that the Mexican Government will find a way to fulfil its obligations regarding protection of Americans in connection with the new land petroleum legislation.

Mr. Coolidge recognises Mexico's right to legislate domestically as she sees fit, but it is pointed out that the Washington Government could not fail to take cognisance of an aspect of Mexican laws retroactively affecting American interests in Mexico.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TEST CRICKET.

RAIN SAVES WEST INDIES.

Barbados, Jan. 12.

The Test Match was drawn. Rain made play impossible before lunch, and later the West Indies made 21 runs for the loss of six wickets when rain again stopped play. Stumps were drawn at five o'clock.—*Reuter.*

CUP RE-PLAY.

OLDHAM LOSE TO MILLWALL.

London, Jan. 12.

The English Cup re-play between Oldham and Millwall resulted in Oldham being defeated by the only goal of the match.—*Reuter.*

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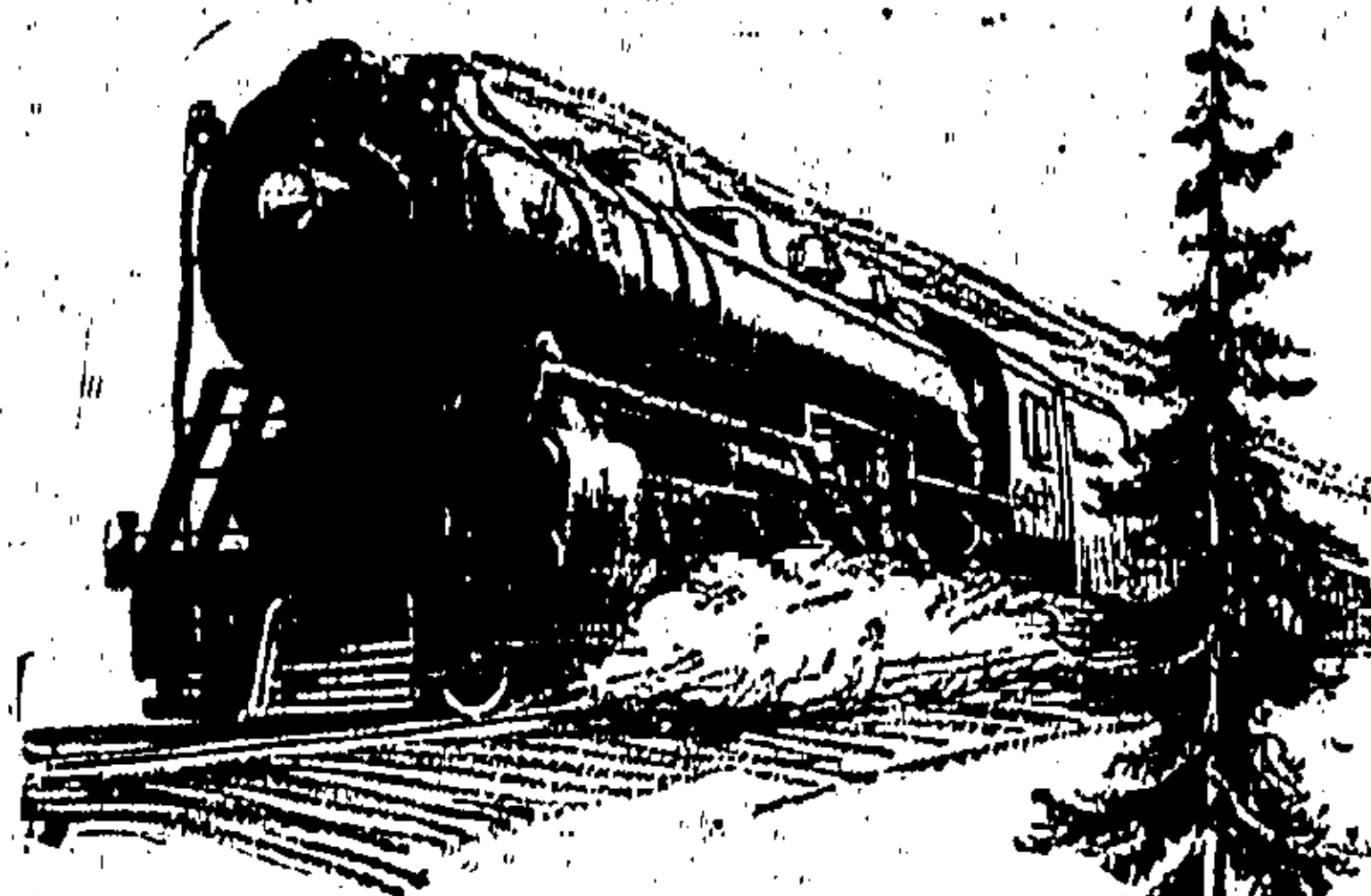


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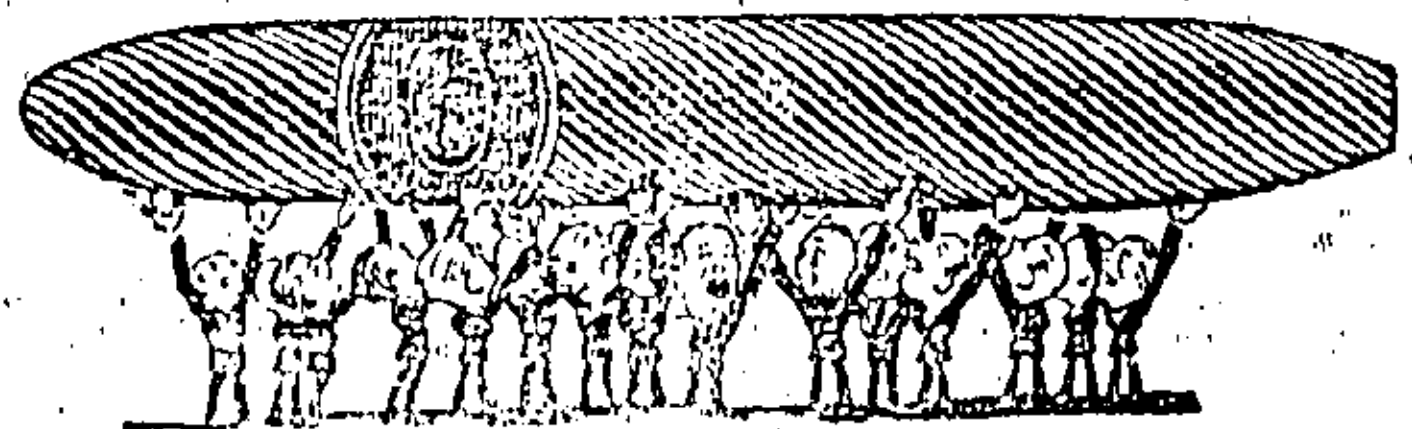
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SANITARY BOARD.

REDUCING THE STRENGTH OF WINE.

The question of the source of the water used by Chinese distillers to reduce the alcoholic strength of wine, and also the source of water used in the manufacture of vinegar, was discussed at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday.

The questions were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, and the Chairman, Mr. N. L. Smith, replying, said that he was informed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports that local distilleries, in almost all cases, obtain their water supply from shallow wells dug on the premises, or from small hillside streams.

In a few cases they used the ordinary public supply. There was no control over their water, and the Chinese seemed to be of the opinion that any water was harmless when used for such purpose. The water was never boiled before being used to dilute the wine, and except for casual washing, the wine jars were not subjected to any special treatment.

Vinegar was made in certain distilleries, and except that the water was warmed, but not boiled, the same conditions applied.

Need for Pure Water.

In the discussion which followed the question of licensing was raised, and Dr. Koch said that a proper supply of water should be available. It was strongly desirable that the water should be pure, otherwise there was always a danger. And danger may not be due to impurities in the wine itself, but may be caused by the water. He asked if it could not be insisted upon that only water from pure sources was used.

Regarding the locations of the distilleries, the Chairman said that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports had given him no figures, but the majority were in outlying parts of the Colony. It often happened that they were situated where there was no public water supply. He would be getting figures to show the locations, however.

Alcohol as Germicide.

"The Medical Officer of Health said the Board had had before it on many occasions the question of wells and distilleries. In some cases the wells had been closed. They had always been reluctant to do this, however.

The mere fact that there was alcohol as well as impure water, did not necessarily mean that the wine was pure. In the case of wine and similar spirituous liquors which were properly bottled and sealed so that there was only an extremely small amount of air in the bottle, alcohol undoubtedly did act as a germicide.

It was stated that the Board's power was limited to well water and they had no power to deal with the supply of water from streams. A member said he thought the Board should have some direct control over the supply.

Regarding the new bye-laws which affect the matter, it was stated that when they had been passed the Board would have power to make provision for a satisfactory water supply.

Further Restrictions.

The specific question of distilleries concerned the more general question of food preserving establishments. In reply to a question by Colonel S. Boyland Smith, it was stated that the bye-laws referred to were considered by the Board about last November, and referred to the Government.

They replied that they did not

FANLING GOLF.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

In the Captain's Cup (1925) January qualifying competition, H. U. Ireland with 83-6=77 and J. L. Shellshear, 86-9=77, tied and will play off. There were 19 entries.

J. K. Shaw with 90-18=72 won optional pool, in which there were 21 entries.

The Captain's Cup (1925) semi-final ties resulted as follows: A. H. Ferguson beat W. W. Mackenzie 1 up, J. M. Walker beat A. O. Brown 3 and 2.

The final will be played next Saturday.

Governor's Shield.

A. P. C. (Pondered and Butterfield) beat Education Dept. (do Rome and Brown) and so qualify for the final tie, which will be played on 31st January.

The other semi-final, Butterfield and Swire (Ireland and Ironside) versus Naval Yard (Hearn and Gillingham) has not yet been played.

H. AND S. BANK.

DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the Dividend and Bonus for the half year ending 31st December, 1925 will be: Dividend £3 per share; Bonus in addition to dividend £2 per share; \$500,000 will be added to the Silver Reserve Fund; \$1,000,000 written off Bank Premises and about \$3,400,000 carried forward to next year.

ANTI-TOXIN FOR TETANUS.

FRENCH DOCTORS' INVENTION.

Paris, Jan. 12.

Doctor Roux announced at the Academy of Sciences that Doctors Ramon and Zeller had invented an anti-toxin for Tetanus.—Havas.

think the present time was a suitable one for imposing any additional restriction on trade, and that consideration would be given to them when conditions became more normal. The matter was to be brought before the Board in February.

Dr. Macgown said the question of water should be kept very strongly in mind, not only in the manufacture of Chinese wine, but in the many other things which were made for human consumption. The water supply in all cases should be suitable.

Comprehensive Control.

The Chairman said that provision was made in that connection in respect of dairies, aerated water factories, etc.

The Medical Officer of Health said that if the bye-laws were approved the Board would have supervision of the manufacture of various things made for human consumption with the exception of drugs, etc.

The Chairman said he thought that was comprehensive as regards preserved foods.

Those present were Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Col. S. Boyland Smith, Dr. W. W. Pearse (N. O. H.), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. Severn and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton. Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary) was also present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

THE ATHERLEY TRIAL.

Sir,—With reference to your report of the evidence taken yesterday, I would like to make it clear that I am not the "Mr. Mow Fung" mentioned therein. I have not at any time had any dealings with Mr. Atherley or Messrs. Getz Bros.—Yours etc.,

F. C. MOW FUNG.
Hongkong, January 12, 1926.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT.

Paris, Jan. 12.

The *Petit Journal* understands that a Franco-German commercial agreement has been virtually obtained.—Reuter.

MEXICO'S TRAIN BANDITS.

Mexico City, Jan. 12.

Federal troops have located the train bandits and killed several on sight. They captured eight, who were immediately executed. All the loot was recovered and the bandits dispersed.—Reuter's American Service.

"IS ENGLAND DONE?"

PECULIAR AMERICAN BELIEF.

London is hearing a good deal just now from travellers returned from America of the belief said to be current there that England is "done" and needs only decent burial. London is amused.

Nevertheless, it welcomed the concise description "tosh," given this queer belief by Mr. J. D. Mooney, of Detroit, in an address to the American Chamber of Commerce in London, the other day. Mr. Mooney, who is vice-president of the General Motors Corporation, specified the economic factors which he considers entirely favourable to the manufacture of motor-cars in England. Raw materials, he pointed out, were readily available; transport and communication were comparatively easy for assembling the materials, semi-manufactured articles, and supplies, and what was extremely important, England was faced with the economic necessity of capitalizing to better advantage a thing that she could do exceedingly well, namely, the manufacture of high-grade, complex, fine quality products.

An exhibit regarded with the

most hopeful interest by those with a dread of sea-sickness was one of the features at the British Engineers' Association Exhibition, opened at Olympia by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty. This is the gyroscope stabiliser, an extraordinary contrivance which maintains the equilibrium of the ship in the fiercest of gales. The apparatus has already been supplied to the Japanese, Italian and American Governments, and is now being tested by the British Admiralty. Two well-known millionaires have it installed on their yachts, so that they can play deck games in the roughest of weather. A working model is on view at the exhibition.

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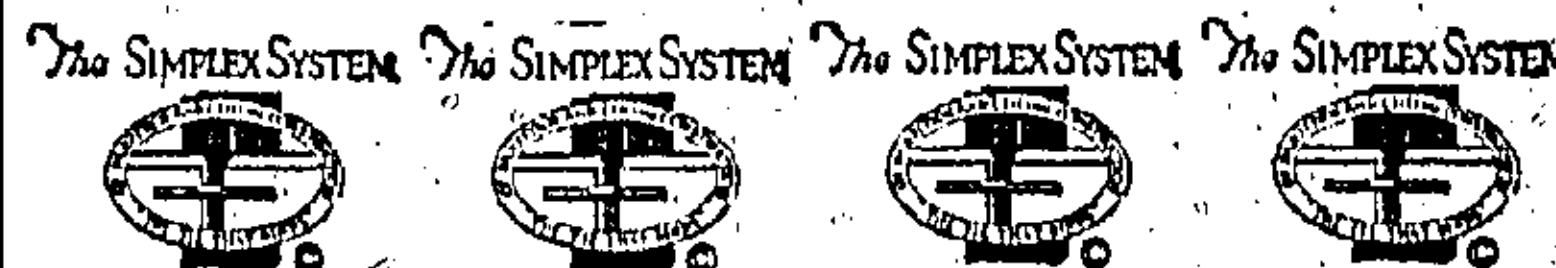
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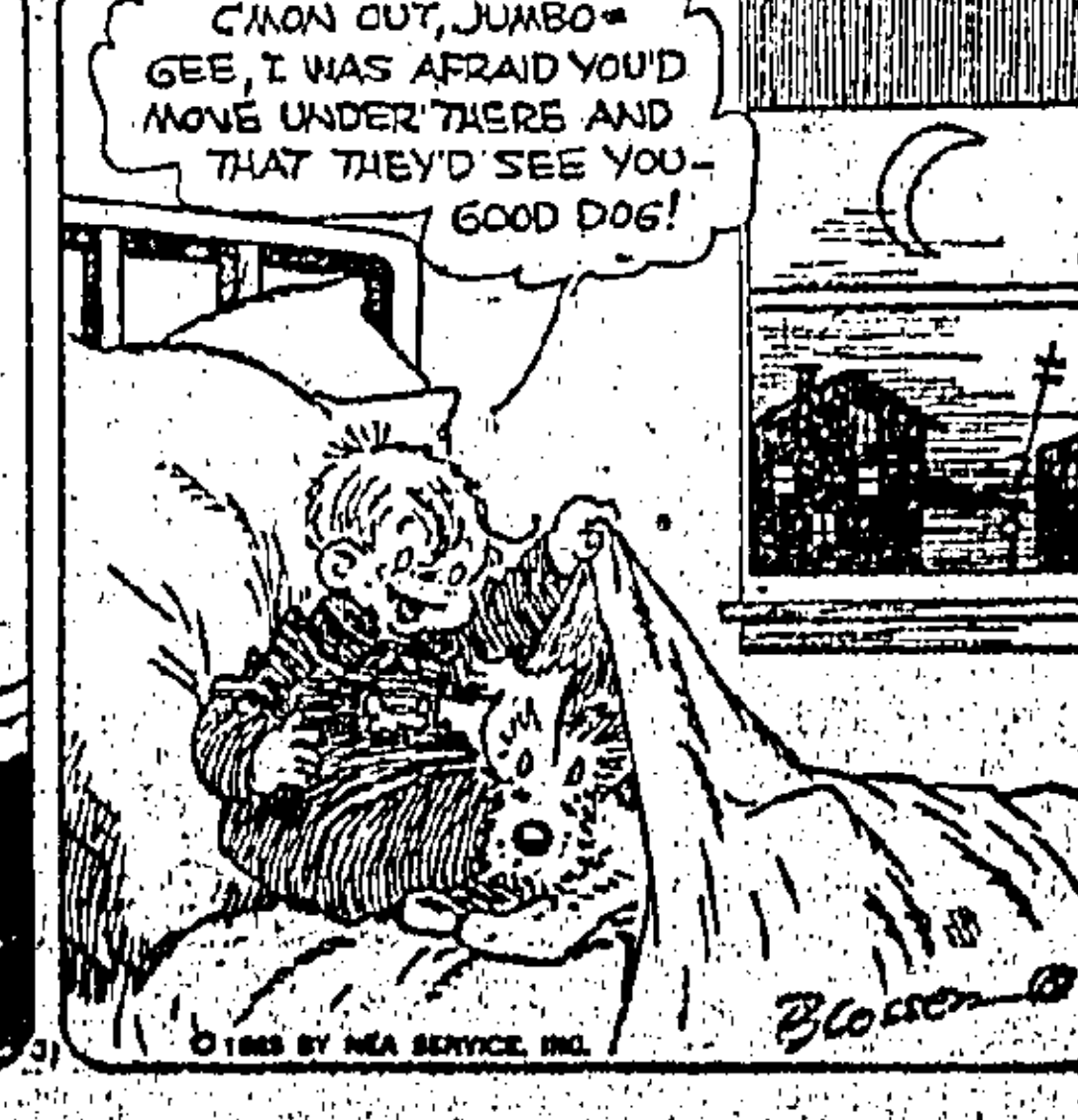


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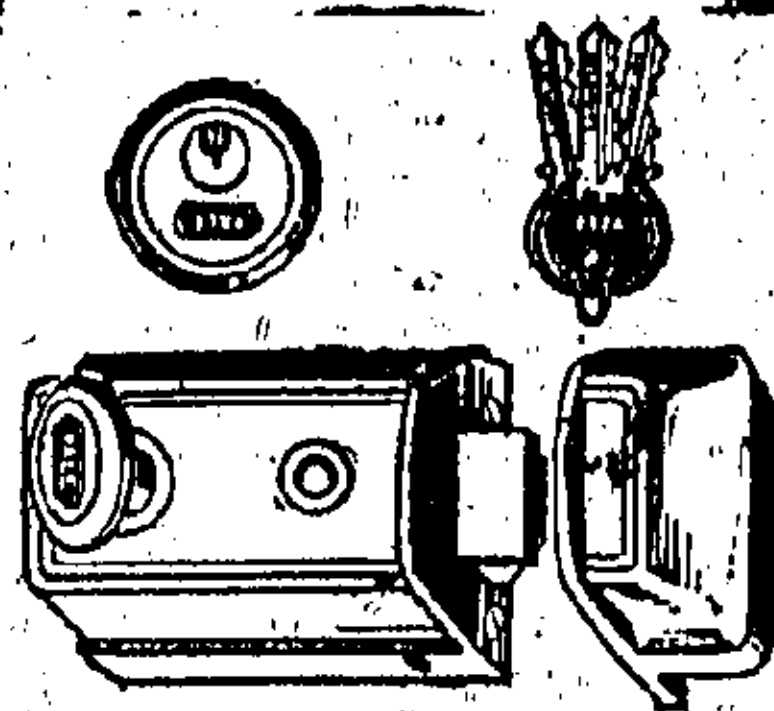
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The Telegraph.

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BRITAIN'S INFLUENCE.

In all that has been written recently of international matters, with particular reference to the triumph of the Locarno treaty, there is an undercurrent of praise for the part played by the British delegates at various assemblies of the nations during the past few months. It would profit any who are in doubt as to Britain's peaceful intentions in world matters to examine closely the whole policy of the Government at Westminster since the signing of the Armistice, and the work of representative delegates at all the discussions which have originated with international amity as their object. To take the League of Nations only as an example, the part played by the British Empire in building up the structure of that society of Governments, and in maintaining its prestige, is practically inestimable. Handicapped at the start through the non-adherence of important world Powers, the League could hardly have survived its adolescent stage without British participation. These, and kindred, thoughts are engendered by recent utterances in which we observe a tendency to cast doubt on the single-mindedness of our statesmen in their dealing with foreign problems.

It has often been alleged by Britain's detractors that in the past she has been opposed to a unity of nations, particularly on the continent of Europe, and therefore cannot be sincere in fostering friendship between powerful neighbour States. The answer to that is very simple—our statesmen have always opposed combinations which obviously had as their only object aggression against weaker nations or smaller coalitions. Our costly Napoleonic wars were embarked upon with that incentive. It needs but a clear insight into the real meaning of the Locarno pact to realise how largely the British policy of peace-making in Europe, and prevention of lasting estrangements or threatened militarism, has entered into current history. Apropos of the question of blocs, it is interesting to note that the Imperial policy has definitely set itself against a suggestion, made apparently in all good faith, for the amalgamation of the

nations of the different continents into separate federations for the purpose of arbitration in all disputes, and subsidiary to a world court. The idea on the surface appears an excellent one, but Britain's Imperial statesmen looked deeper than the surface, and they looked ahead. To separate continents into defined coalitions meant the introduction of the principles of isolation, and isolation meant future antagonisms, and possibly intercontinental wars. In its essentials, the scheme was a menace to the Empire, which has a footing in every continent and exercises its influence the world over. In its essence the Imperial idea is the beneficial one of international, rather than subdivided, friendships, and it were well if those who speak loosely of imperialism would consider the basic principles of the British Imperial policy, and the power for good that it can exercise.

The Peak Tramway.

The death of Mr. Findlay Smith inevitably recalls the inauguration of the Peak Tramway system, for, as we indicated in our obituary notice yesterday, the deceased gentleman was one of the two originators of that enterprise. As we then stated, it was as far back as 1881 that the first concession was secured, but this was four years later sold to the Hongkong High Levels Tramway Company, the predecessors of the concern which at present operates the system. It is interesting, however, to recall that in 1906 Mr. Findlay Smith obtained a further concession from the Government to construct a tramway from the bottom of Ice House Street to the Peak by way of Glenahilly, but this was later sold to the Peak Tramway Company, it never being put into effect as the amount of traffic available did not justify the construction of the line. Since that time, there have been almost endless suggestions put forward for new tramway schemes for the Peak. Perhaps the most interesting was one which contemplated the continuation of the present line up to as far as Barker Road and the driving of a tunnel into the hillside at this point, so that the tram would eventually emerge at Chamberlain Road near the Peak Club's lawn, thus making the top terminus more central for residents. Another proposal, put forward by Mr. T. L. Perkins, our former Director of Public Works, was that there should be a branch line at May Road to serve districts not covered by the present route. Then, of course, there was the Wanchoi Gap scheme, now abandoned, as well as the suggested line from Murray Barracks to Magazine Gap. So far, none of these proposals has come to fruition, but the time will certainly come when some new scheme, or an extension of the present system, will have to be put in hand.

The Solar Eclipse.

As we announced several weeks ago, there is to be an eclipse of the sun to-morrow, when the maximum darkening, so far as Hongkong is concerned, will be about 4 p.m., and if there be a clear sky, local residents will be able to observe the obscuration, which will be about one-third the sun's disc in this region. The particulars we published recently, kindly supplied us by the local Observatory, indicate that Sumatra is to have the longest duration of totality of eclipse; and hither several scientific expeditions have journeyed, as in previous years. Photographers who have taken views of the corona have usually been disappointed, and it is not definitely known yet whether the Einstein theory has been proved in these eclipse observations. However, the present opportunity might give all the desired results, provided weather conditions turn out propitious and no clouds overshadow the sun. Those who have left England for the Sumatra eclipse are Dr. F. J. M. Stratton and Dr. F. W. Aston, the Nobel prize-winner for his work on isotopes. Their observations will be principally in relation to the corona, which is a very faintly luminous structure, about as large as the sun itself, composed of gases and perhaps dust which surround the sun at very great distances. It appears at a total eclipse. It has its own bright

DAY BY DAY.

IT LIES IN OUR OWN POWER TO ATTUNE THE MIND TO CHEERFULNESS.—*Johnson.*

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

Lieut. D. H. V. Buckle, of the East Surreys, has been seconded for service with the R.A.S.C.

Invitations have been issued for a reception aboard the s.s. Taiping on the 19th instant, prior to her maiden voyage to Australia.

The weather forecast for to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair at first, some drizzle or mist later, becoming cooler.

There were ten shipping arrivals and eight departures yesterday, leaving 74 boats in harbour this morning, of which number 37 were British.

In the telegram giving ship-building returns for the last quarter of 1925, appearing on Page 2 of this issue, the figures quoted should be thousands, and not millions.

The property sale comprising Nos. 9 and 11, Prince's Terrace, which was to have taken place at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, was postponed till next Tuesday.

We have received from the Headmaster a copy of the prospectus of the Central British School, which gives full details of the facilities provided by this capably-staffed institution.

The health return for last week shows four cases of diphtheria (two British and two Chinese), of which two were fatal; and one non-fatal case each of small-pox and paratyphoid fever (both Chinese). There was also a case of rabies.

Mr. Eric Rice, the Assistant Secretary to the Overseas League, arrived in the Colony yesterday and is staying at the Hongkong Hotel. He is anxious to meet members of the League during his fortnight's visit to the Colony, and would be glad to hear from anyone interested in the activities of the League.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Robert Cryan, of the Public Works Department, residing at No. 5, Queen's Gardens, to Miss Bertha Lummis, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the s.s. Hector; Mr. Leo Vindler, of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, of Shanghai, to Miss Phyllis Parker, of Season House, London, England.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng, the Principal of Amoy University, who arrived in Singapore recently, is spending two months holiday in the Straits after five years work in Amoy. A representative of the Free Press met Dr. Boon-keng and endeavoured to obtain from him an expression of his views upon Chinese affairs. The Doctor, however, refused to be drawn, pointing out that he was supposed to be an educationalist and it was very hard to talk about political matters. Whatever one said, even things that were friendly, were, he stated, immediately twisted and distorted.

line spectrum, and includes one so far unknown line, which is very bright and well-defined in the green portion of the spectrum. This line has hitherto been attributed to an unknown hypothetical element provisionally called "Coronium," and is suspected to be due to some quite well-known type of atom, in a state which can only exist under the circumstances found in the corona. Whereas the position of the spectral lines in the corona is pretty well-known, Professor E. A. Milne, of Manchester, has been able to make certain predictions of their relative intensities. The conditions in the corona for verifying astrophysical theory are much more satisfactory than those which could or can be obtained under artificial circumstances in the laboratory. Dr. Stratton will, therefore, concentrate during the eclipse on the endeavour to verify Professor Milne's predictions. The average Hongkong observer, however, can have little interest in such abstruse matters, and so far as the majority of Chinese are concerned, it will mainly be a question of "joss" observance.

SINGAPORE LETTER.

Bright Future—Naval Base Progress—The Sun's Eclipse.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 2.

With the passing of 1925, we have been counting our blessings in true Nonconformist fashion. The past year was a memorable one for

Malaya, and it marked the end of a chapter in local history and perhaps the beginning of a new one. It saw the complete vindication of the restriction scheme—

"one of the boldest measures of industrial policy ever taken by the British"—and it ushered in a

period of prosperity for the rubber industry, and therefore for the whole country, which will last for years, if the statisticians' forecast of shortage up to 1932 is correct.

Tin prices have been fairly steady and good, though not approaching the boom figures of the first three years after the war, and the copra industry has paid its usual modest but safe dividends. While the

description of coconuts as the Consols of the East may be open to criticism, there is undoubtedly room for expansion of this industry provided there is sufficient suitable land left in the country.

All the minor industries, which are almost entirely in Asiatic hands, have benefited by the demand for our two staple products, and the import and export houses have made their profits by larger sales at lower prices, so that altogether Malaya can well claim to be the

most prosperous fragment of the British Empire. From a financial point of view the past year was

notable for the creation of the opium reserve and the loan to Hongkong, and politically it has been a somewhat portentous time, as you may have gathered from previous letters. We have also enjoyed more publicity than we bargained

for when we built the Malaya Pavilion at Wembley. Five years ago the average citizen in Great Britain could not have found Singapore on the map without a close search of the Far East, but recently the

limelight has been turned upon us by the naval base controversy, the opposition in London to the drastic recommendations of the Veneral Disease Commission, and the

grousing of America against the restriction of rubber output.

SOME RUBBER TOPICS.

It was amusing to notice in the local press this week two, telegrams printed one above the other entitled "Rubber Wickedness" and "Restriction in America," from

which we gathered that while American politicians are denouncing restriction as "an international swindle," the American cotton industry is considering the reduction of the 1926 crop in order to ensure

profits. American comment on restriction is marked by that peculiar vigour and ignorance which characterise many of their views on affairs outside the United States, but the present price of rubber is

undeniably a source of legitimate anxiety to Malaya's largest customer, and while the case for restriction—viewed as a means of

keeping the British plantation industry in British hands—is unanswerable, the only object of preserving it now is, in the words of one authority, "rather to regulate

than to restrict output, pending the adjustment of labour conditions, which a sudden abandonment of control would most certainly disorganise." The question is being

asked whether Malaya must expect periodic slumps, due to overplanting, but the general opinion seems to be that an adjustment of supply and demand will be reached.

The increase of rubber smuggling has been a feature of the year, and the Malays of the west coast have waxed prosperous upon it. It is a

venture which appeals to their roving and adventurous instincts, while at the same time providing a means of making easy money.

Every dark night prahus laden with rubber set forth from the rivers and creeks along the west coast, and it is impossible for the fleet of fast launches operating along that coast to catch them all.

The fines imposed on the captured smugglers are enormous, and are almost invariably paid, thus showing that the Malays are merely tools in the hands of other interests, for these fines are far beyond their capacity to pay. The sixty

square miles of the Settlement of Malacca are now a veritable Garden of Eden for the Malay, thanks largely to the proceeds of

FRENCH POLLING.

A CONTEMPLATED REFORM.

Paris, Jan. 12.

L'Ere Nouvelle announces that M. Briand will make a question of confidence the re-establishment of polling by District instead of by Department, at the beginning of February.—*Indopacific.*

smuggling, and the prosperity prevailing in this pleasant province of rice-fields and coconut plantations is unmistakable to any observer passing through it.

Work at the Naval Base.

If you asked the average Singaporean what there was to be seen at the naval base site he would very probably reply: "Nothing whatever," the reason being that whereas at one time it was fashionable to run over to Seletar and conjure up mental pictures of battle fleets

lying in the Straits of Johore, the long period spent by the naval authorities in survey and preliminary work generally, and the entire absence of any visible signs of activity, have resulted in the public losing interest in the operations, probably much to the relief of the

naval people. Now, however, the work is really beginning, and I was amazed to find how much there was to see when I visited the place last week after an interval of six months. A veritable town is

growing up along unoccupied shores of the Straits; railway sleepers, concrete piles, and masses of constructional material are everywhere, and a long pier is being run out into the Straits.

Most convincing of all, a dredger and five barges are lying strung along the waterfront. On the rising land in the background

quarters, coolie lines, and buildings of all kinds are rising among the rubber trees, and a very large area of swamps has been drained and cleared. Work has also been

commenced on the branch railway line which is to join the main line where it crosses the Johore Causeway and enters Singapore Island

and altogether it is clear, even to the inexperienced eye, that the great scheme is really under way at last. Of course, the work is only in its preliminary stages, and it would require an engineer to gather the significance of these activities, but clearly the naval authorities consider that nothing of any importance is to be seen at present, for we walked over the whole area without hindrance, the only representative of authority being a

Sikh policeman who saluted as politely as though he were the commissioner of a cinema.

A Varied Newspaper Menu.

The fare served up by the newspapers this week has been unusually varied and interesting. We have had an American expedition here which proposes to fly over mountain barriers of unknown New Guinea and land upon a lake which is situated at an altitude of 12,000 feet, and which has only been seen once before by a previous expedition. An

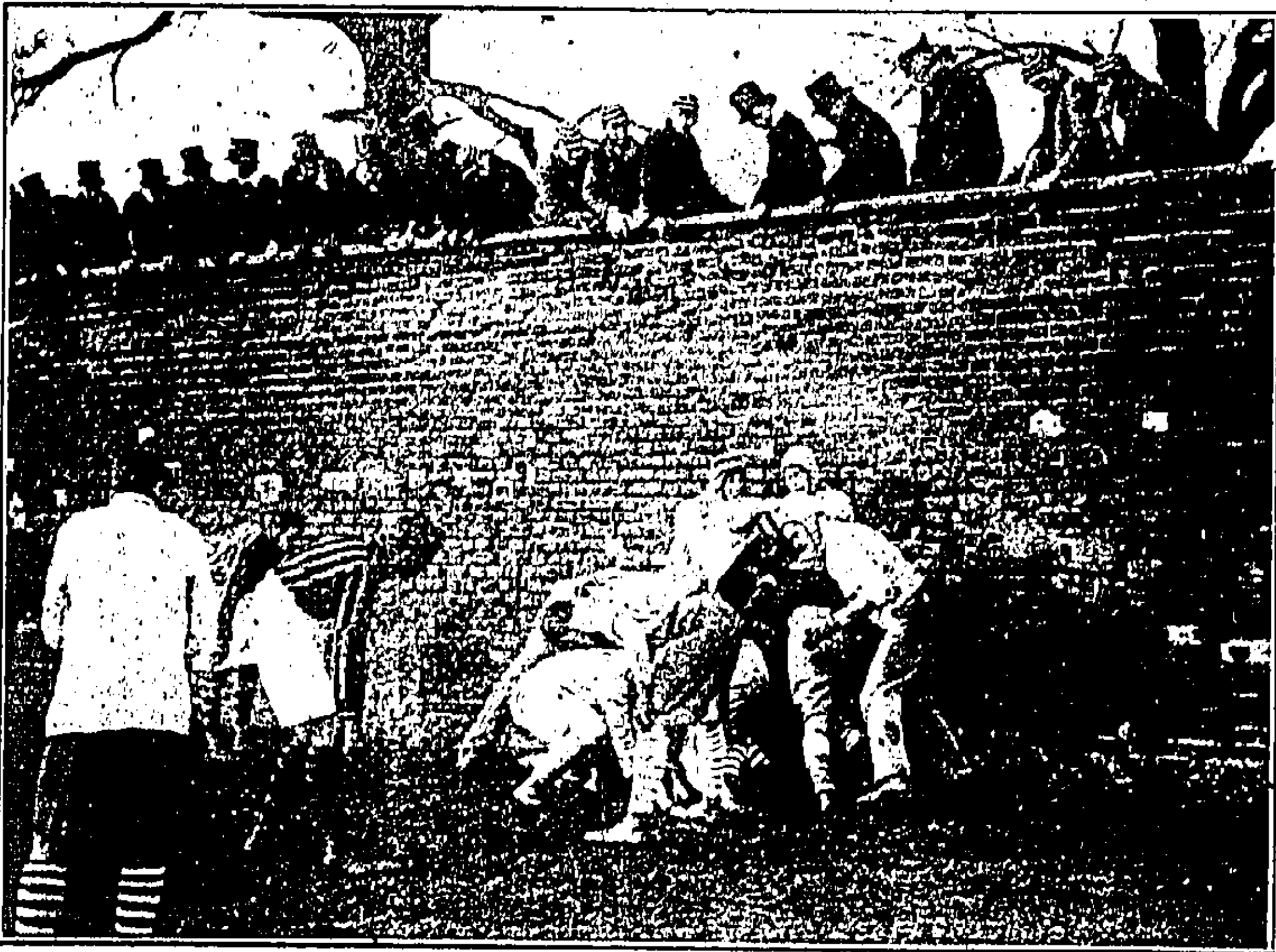
American photographer who claims to be the only camera man who has ever successfully recorded all the phases of a total eclipse passed through on his way to Sumatra to photograph the eclipse on January 14 in moving pictures, and we have also had two round-the-world cyclists here.

The latter are remarkable youths, afflicted with the wanderlust, and the "autograph mania" to a superlative degree, and the astonishing story of their wanderings in Asia Minor, Iraq, and India is proved beyond question by their collection of photographs and signatures of half the royal personages of Middle and South-Eastern Asia. They cycled the whole length of the Malaya Peninsula, calling on the highest of local society on the way, and made a complete collection of our aristocracy. It may interest your readers to know that at least seven expeditions will be observing the eclipse, Germany, American, England, and France, being represented. An immense quantity of scientific apparatus has accumulated at the little town of Benicolen, and every phase of the event, and all the phenomena associated with it will be specially studied by one or other of the expeditions. They have all come several thousand miles to do several minutes work, but the risk of failure in the case of the photographer is possibly the greatest, although he says that with the specialised equipment he is carrying he will be able to photograph through a thin veil of clouds and still obtain results of great educational interest.

LATEST PICTURES FROM HOME.



The winter weather at Buxton (Derbyshire) has caused the appearance on the streets of horse sleighs, which are proving most popular as a means of travel. They are preferred to taxis by most people.



St. Andrew's Festival was observed with the usual "wall" game at Eton. Picture shows game in progress, with interested spectators on the wall.

CANTON NEWS.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

On the morning following his arrival in Canton, Mr. Sun Fo proceeded to the last resting place of the late Liu Chung-hoi. On the tomb he placed a floral wreath and then he paid his respects to the memory of his departed compatriot. Mr. Sun also placed floral wreaths on the tomb of the late Chan Chau-lun who fell a victim to assassination together with the late Liu Chung-hoi, and on the tomb of the late Chu Chup-sun who was assassinated at Bocca Tigris a few days before the entry of Chan King-ming into Canton, when Mok Wing-sun was driven out of Canton.

KUOMINTANG DELEGATES.

On Saturday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon General Chang Kai-shek gave a reception to the delegates of the Kuomintang at the Whampoa Military Academy. Many Russian officers were present. There were several speeches made, and each speaker stressed the importance of carrying out the dying wishes of their late chief. The guests returned to Canton by gunboats, being greatly satisfied with the progress of the Military Academy. The delegates were again entertained on the following day to a tea party by the four Commercial Unions. There were one hundred and twenty delegates, besides many officials. The speakers urged that the merchants should become members of the Kuomintang, and work hand in hand in order that the reconstruction of Kwangtung may be realised as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Political Affairs, Mr. Borodin proposed that a change be made in the District Civil Administration as the duties of the office of a Magistrate are too many for one man to perform efficiently. On this account, little or no progress is made. In consequence of this proposal, reforms in the Provincial and District Civil Administration are being discussed. It is expected that a comprehensive plan for reforms will shortly be announced.

RENT CASE.

APPLICATION WHICH FAILED.

Before the Paine Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Summary Court this morning, Chan Tai-sin, landlord of No. 9, Lower Lascar Row, sought an order under Section 14 of the Rents Ordinance, of 1922, that the rents in respect of the first floor of his property be increased to the extent of 8 per cent. on the sum of \$916 which he claimed to have expended in additions or improvements on the floor.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared to make the application on behalf of the landlord, while Mr. D. M. Callum represented the defendant, who is the tenant of the floor in question.

In evidence, the plaintiff produced the architect's plans and the contractor's bill and receipt for the payment received on the work, and he was examined by His Honour in detail on each item of the work done. This represented the putting in of bunks under the staircase, arches for the windows, covering of the kitchen floor with cement concrete, etc.

With the exception of the putting in of a joist, an arch and a wall, His Honour found that all the other items were only in the nature of repairs, for which he found that a sum of \$193 only had been expended by plaintiff. The Ordinance under which the order was sought, permitted this 8 per cent. increase in cases where the money expended on improvements or additions amounted to not less than \$500. The plaintiff had not expended this amount in the improvements he made to the floor, and His Honour accordingly gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

HAINAN EXPEDITION.

General Chan Ming-shu returned to the front on the 9th inst., with orders to attack Hainan without delay and to effect its capture before the Chinese New Year; also to round up the remnants of the forces of Sun Pao-fan, So Tsin-yau and Lum Ching-ting, on the extreme south-west border of Kwangsi.

RUBBER POOL ADVOCATED.

AMERICAN MOTOR INTEREST CONCERNED.

New York, Jan. 12.

The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce has authorised the appropriation of ten million dollars "to assure the public and motor manufacturers an adequate supply of rubber at reasonable prices." A committee has been appointed to organise the work and apply for a charter. Several of the largest companies have announced their readiness to take an allotment of stock.

Mr. Reeves, general manager of the Chamber, stated that it was likely small producers of rubber in the far corners of the world, who were not held by the British "monopoly," would sell their rubber if assured of a centralised shipping point where the material could be pooled.—*Reuter's American Service.*

INTERESTING FIGURES.

Batavia, Jan. 12. Provisional estimates for 1925 show a tremendous increase in native rubber production by fifty per cent. since 1924, giving a total of 129,700 tons gross or 84,000 tons net, compared with 104,000 tons of estate rubber, which has only increased by fifteen per cent.—*Reuter.*

GLOOMY STATISTICS.

BRITAIN'S INCREASING DEFICIT.

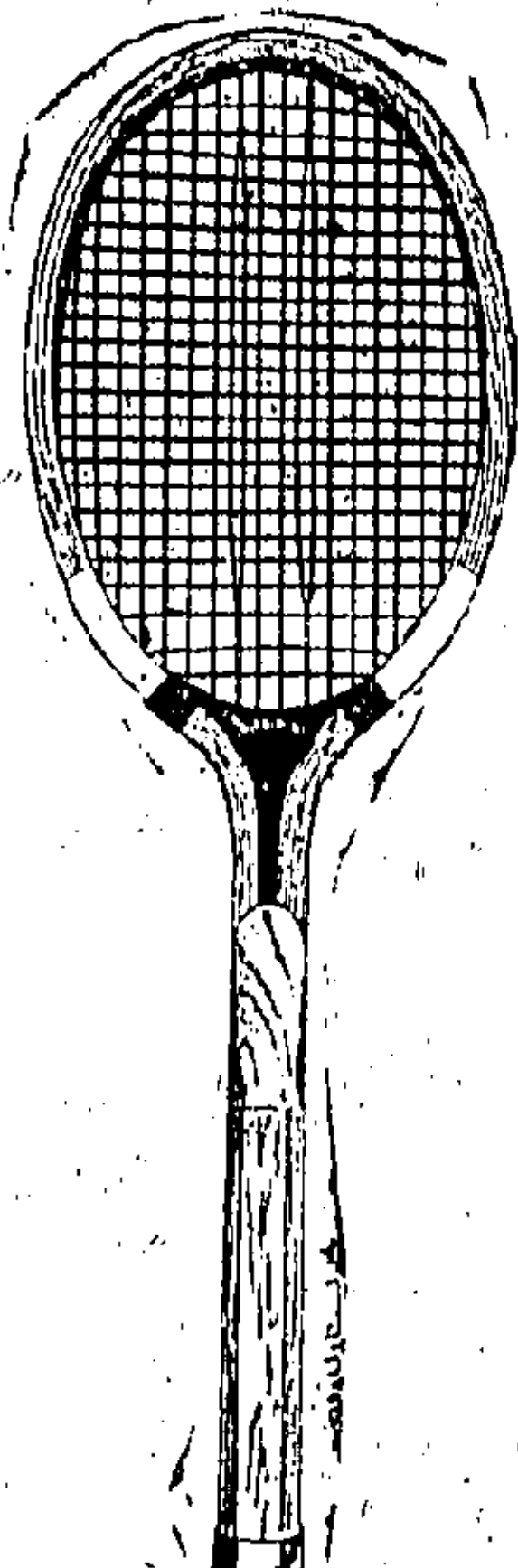
Even more gloomy statistics have followed the publication of the adverse balance by the Board of Trade. The returns for the first nine days of 1926 show that the national expenditure exceeded the revenue by approximately £1,225,000, thus increasing the deficit to over £125,000,000. The outstanding floating debt on Jan. 9th was over £318,000,000 which was £18,000,000 less than a year ago, but an increase of nearly £75,000,000 as compared with the beginning of the current financial year.—*Reuter.*

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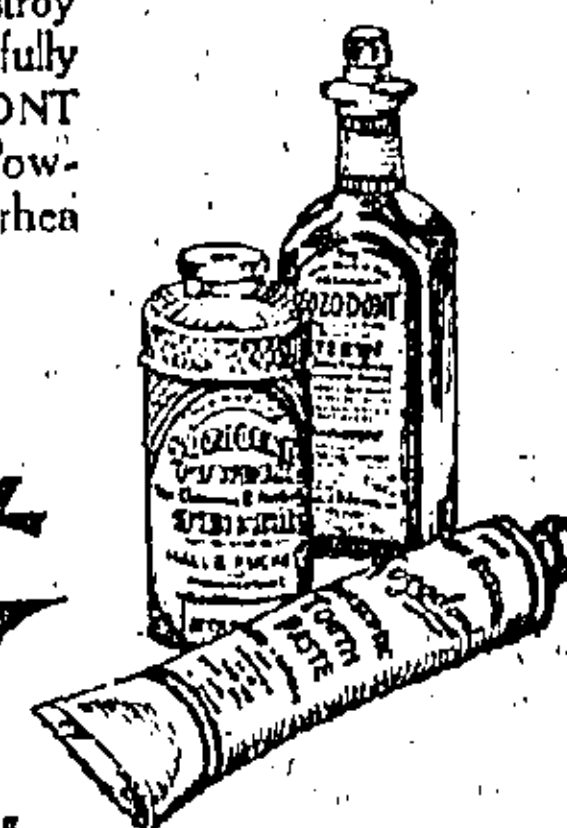
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CHARITABLE VOTE

FOR SEAMAN BATCHELOR'S DEPENDANTS.

The fund being raised for the granting of assistance to the dependants of the late Seaman Batchelor, who lost his life in the Hongkong Hotel fire, has been augmented by the grant of a sum of £50 from the Hongkong Boxing Association.

To-night, a special supper dance is being held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, the proceeds of which will go to the deceased seaman's dependants. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this function so as to swell the receipts.

FRENCH COLONIES.

REVISING CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Paris, Jan. 13. The Minister of the Colonies last evening received the Committee of the Congress convened last June at Marseilles to study the revision of the Colonial Customs regime. The delegation was headed by M. Artaud. The Minister promised to do his utmost for the realisation of the decisions adopted.—*Indo-pool.*

OPIUM SEIZURES.

CONFISCATION ORDER MADE.

As the result of two seizures of opium, one on January 11th, and the other yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, and an application for confiscation was made.

In the first case, the defendant was caught coming off a Macao boat, with the opium concealed under his clothing, and he was fined \$2,000, or eight months.

The seizure in the second case was made in a latrine of the S.S. Yenko Maru, the amount being 35 taels.

An Indian Police Sergeant gave evidence of finding the opium, and Mr. Lindsell granted an order for confiscation.

An old foki of the Tai Sang vegetable shop of No. 11, New Market Street, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging himself in the kitchen of the shop. The tragedy was not known until 5 o'clock when the cook got up to work. The corpse was removed to the Government Mortuary. The deceased was 45 years of age. The cause of his act is unknown.

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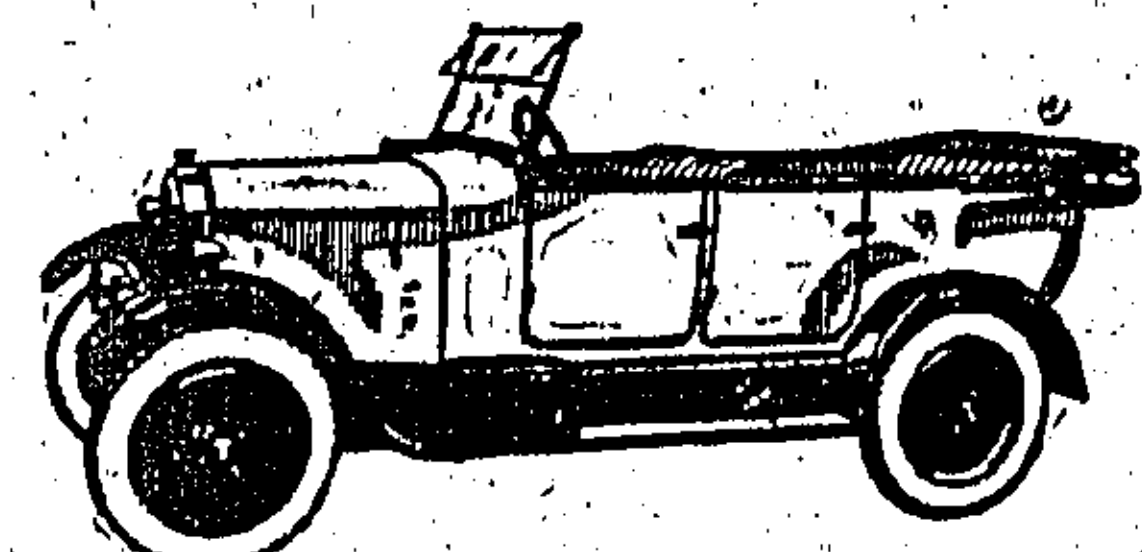
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DEGREE DAY AT
UNIVERSITY.HIS EXCELLENCY ON THE CHINESE
LANGUAGE.

AN ACADEMIC DISCOURSE.

The seventeenth congregation of the University of Hongkong for the conferring of degrees was held in the Great Hall yesterday afternoon. The occasion was notably marked by the conferring of four honorary degrees, one being upon His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, who afterwards took his seat as Chancellor. The other gentlemen upon whom the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred were Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. R. Ponsonby Fane.

Previous to the congregation, tea was served in the University Union. The Great Hall was packed for the ceremony which followed and the gallery, as usual, was overcrowded with undergraduates and their friends.

The New Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor, having declared the congregation open, the senior honorary graduate, Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D., approached and said: "I have the honour to present Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., as worthy of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*."

The Vice-Chancellor said: "Sir Cecil Clementi, by virtue of the authority vested in me I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*." (Applause.)

The Vice-Chancellor then accompanied His Excellency from the Great Hall and immediately returned with him in the robes of the Chancellor, crackers greeting his re-appearance.

Vice-Chancellor's Speech.

The honorary graduates were then presented by the Vice-Chancellor who, in so doing said:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me first explain why at the opening of these rites a departure was made from the usual ceremonial. Why we put strange garb upon our Chancellor, and then hurried him away to take it off again and why the Vice-Chancellor emerging from the academic seclusion in which it is his desire always to live, performed for a few crowded minutes of his innumerable exalted functions which ordinarily appertain to an office which belongs by right to the highest in the land. Our Chancellor is a man of great mental and bodily activity, a man, moreover, of many parts, albeit essentially self-contained, *terres atque rotundus*, yet even he shrank from the acrobatic feat of conferring a degree upon himself. (Laughter.) That His Excellency was ever faced with the dreadful prospect of so doing a performance came about in this wise. In 1916 the University of Hongkong decided to confer an honorary degree on Mr. Cecil Clementi, as he then was. Mr. Clementi had done great service to the University in the critical days of its infancy; and he himself is and was a distinguished scholar.

Educated at St. Paul's School, London, and passing in due course to Oxford as a Demy of Magdalen College, our Chancellor took a first class in the honours school of Classical Moderations and the Boden Sanskrit Scholarship. (Applause.) He was honourably mentioned for the Hertford, Craven and Ireland Scholarships and "approached very nearly," as the Latin phrase had it, to the winning of the Gaisford Greek Prize. I dare wager that there was a time when our Chancellor was tempted to stay in Oxford and live the life of a scholar there, but Oxford's loss was Hongkong's gain. (Applause.) Nor has our Chancellor, since he came among us as a cadet, allowed his muse to die of departmentalism—that awful condition which a distinguished Viceroy of India, in a moment of more than usual expansion, diagnosed as resulting not so much from "moral delinquency" as from "mental hiatus."

A Chinese Scholar.

Sir Cecil Clementi is now a Chinese scholar of substantial repute and, besides writing the University anthem in Latin verse, he has published "Cantonese Love Songs" (Laughter and applause from the gallery) and the "Per-vigilum Veneris." His Excellency once travelled from Kashgar to

Kowloon and thenceforth published a summary of the geographical observations recorded during the journey. He has also published a book on the Chinese in British Guiana.

To return from this digression, when the offer came to him in 1916, our Chancellor was then administering the Government of British Guiana. He wrote accepting and expressing the hope that he would some day come back to Hongkong to receive the honour of the University's hands. That day has come. (Applause.) To us in the University in spite of the darkness which enfolds us, it is the dawn of a brighter era. We welcome you, Your Excellency, not only as our Chancellor but as one of our graduates whose scholarship is an ornament to the University and whose kindly sympathy and generous understanding will be to us who work here, an abiding consolation and encouragement.

Sir Edward Stubbs.

Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs and I were schooled under the same ferrule and in those days the scriptural maxim about the calamitous results of sparing the rod were apt to be interpreted more literally than they are now.

"Is it true," an agitated mother wrote in those brutal days, "that capital punishment is still in vogue at Tonbridge?" "Dear madam," Dr. Wood, the Headmaster replied, "I regret to say that capital punishment is not in vogue at Tonbridge: The punishment is purely corporal." (Laughter.)

Our late Governor won every scholarship and prize which Radley could offer and passed on to Oxford as an Exhibitioner of Corpus Christi College. He won a first class in the honours school of Classical Moderations and a first class in the final school of Literae Humaniores. He went into the Colonial Office in 1900 and rose rapidly. In 1913 he went to Ceylon as Colonial Secretary and in 1919 he came here as Governor. Of Sir Edward Stubbs' career as Governor of Hongkong I need not speak, but as one who knew him from his boyhood I cannot refrain from saying that the amazing quickness and tenacity of his intellectual grasp which were my envy and despair while we were at school together, continued to excite my wonder and admiration during the 20 months that I worked with him as Chancellor of this University.

A Faithful Chancellor.

In the hour of its direst need Sir Edward Stubbs saved this University; and in conferring on him the doctorate of the University, we are enrolling in our records not merely a faithful Chancellor and a distinguished Governor, but a great intellect. (Applause.) I understand that Sir Edward Stubbs' published works do not extend beyond the first volume of Lucas' Historical Geography, which he edited. But I have heard that he recorded from time to time in the files of the Hongkong Government, utterances worthy of remembrance, if impossible of publication. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kotewall.

Mr. Robert Hormus Kotewall was educated at Queen's College and Diocesan Boys' School, Hongkong. He entered Government Service in 1896 after winning first place in a competitive examination. As a civil servant he was given posts which were always before and have ever since been held by Britishers, Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, First Clerk in the Magistrate's Office (in post usually held by men of legal training) and officiating Justice of the Peace. Mr. Kotewall's exploits in the soul-destroying pursuit of budget preparation were such as to attract the attention of H. M.'s Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Kotewall has always taken a great interest in education, especially vernacular education. He is a member of the Court and Council of the University and University honorary examiner in Chinese, president of the University Football Club and a Patron of a Roving Troop of Boy Scouts. (Applause.) He trans-

lated His Excellency's Latin University anthem into Chinese verses of such erudition that it is said that no one but His Excellency can understand them. (Laughter.)

A lover of books, Mr. Kotewall has a fine library of Chinese and English authors. He has written on "Forestry" and "Government" and is the author of two Chinese plays, one of which was performed on the occasion of the recent visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Now a director of companies and a harassed man of business (most business men appear to be harassed now-a-days; I can't think why. If they have nothing to do, why not do it gracefully?) Mr. Kotewall somehow finds time not only to serve the public with a devotion which is literally amazing but also to attend to the troubles of his friends. And I doubt whether there is any one in the Colony who has more friends than Mr. Kotewall. (Applause.)

Ever a Friend.

To all of us in the University, whether teachers or students, Mr. Kotewall has ever been a friend, who has never failed us in the hours of our respective needs. And all this has been done, and done without ostentation, in the midst of domestic anxieties before which the most public-spirited of men might reasonably have succumbed. In welcoming Mr. Kotewall into the goodly fellowship of honorary graduates, I cannot refrain from quoting what Dr. Johnson wrote of his friend, Henry Thrale, the brewer:

"Simple, open, and uniform in his manners, his conduct was without either art or affectation. In the senate, steadily attentive to the interests of his king and country, he looked down with contempt on the clamours of the multitude; though engaged in very extensive business, he found some time to apply to polite literature; and was ever ready to assist his friends' labouring under any difficulties, with his advice, his influence, and his purse. To his friends, acquaintances, and guests, he behaved with such sweetness of manners as to attach them all to his person: so happy in his conversation with them as to please all, though he flattered none."

Mr. Ponsonby Fane.

Mr. Richard Ponsonby Fane is well known in Hongkong. (Applause.) He has served the Colony, nay the Empire, in several ways, but always in a spirit of self-sacrificing devotion, which is at once evidence of his sense of service still animating his distinguished family and of that quiet and all-pervading piety which is so vital an influence in his life.

Mr. Ponsonby Fane was educated at Harrow, but had to leave school young owing to indifferent health. When he was only 17 he became private secretary to the Governor of Natal, and he has since served four other governors in the same capacity, including Sir Matthew Nathan and Sir Henry May. He has ministered to His Majesty's representatives in Hongkong, Natal, Trinidad, Ceylon and Fiji, and at least five years of his life have been spent in roving over the seas mainly in search of picturesque figure (laughter) with the same brown comforter about his neck. (Laughter.)

During the War, when Sir Henry May was Governor, this University was in difficulty owing to teachers not being available. Mr. Ponsonby Fane then came forward to help the University and ever since 1916 he has given himself unsparingly in devoted and gratuitous service to the students of this University. (Applause.) He has taught them; he has played cricket with them; and in the annals of the University Cricket Club his name is and will ever be a household word. (Applause.) For some years Mr. Ponsonby Fane has made Japan his summer residence, only occasionally visiting his beautiful family seat in Somersetshire. Mr. Ponsonby Fane is always emphatic that he is no scholar, though if genius be an infinite capacity for taking pains, few would have greater claim to the title than he has.

His Publications.

At any rate Mr. Ponsonby Fane has published many interesting and valuable contributions to Western knowledge of things Japanese. He has published a treatise of the Imperial Family of Japan, a treatise entitled *Mitsukuni* or the Imperial Tombs, a treatise entitled *Haitai Monogatari* or the

story of certain emperors or ex-emperors who were exiled. He has written about the ancient Capitals and Palaces of Japan and about the capital Heian and its great palace. He has translated two exceedingly interesting Japanese books, one *Kokoro* No Chikari or the Strength of the Soul; the other *Satorikata* No Zu or the Path of Knowledge. Mr. Ponsonby Fane has been a friend to the University in many ways that few know of and we welcome him with acclamation as one whose work in this University has been one long labour of love. (Applause.)

Your Excellency, I have said that the day of your coming back to Hongkong was to us who work in the University, the dawn of a brighter era. This is not a mere platitude, but a conviction which is shared by all. (Applause.) The world is passing through a period of distress and this Colony is beating up against a strong head wind of unexpected and unwanted misfortune. We do not want to be a nuisance, to be always crying poverty and clamouring for more money. But surely the present is not the moment for curtailing educational work in Hongkong. It was the commercial community of Hongkong which brought this University into being. "There can be no doubt," wrote the then senior partner of John Swire and Son to Sir Frederick Lugard, "about the merits of your scheme, which strongly appeals to my partners and myself and to which we contributed, believing that a University in Hongkong will be to the advantage of the Colony and our Empire." "Your scheme," wrote Sir Robert Hart, "is excellent and deserves the fullest support, and it promises much that will do real good."

Sir Frederick Lugard's Words.

Standing on this very platform on the 11th March, 1912, Sir Frederick Lugard dared to say: "When the petty questions which necessarily occupy our time and thoughts in the busy curriculum of the day's work are swept into oblivion, when new objects of interest rise for a new generation, this building shall stand for its purpose, and has a boundless horizon and it is founded on motives and principles which neither pass nor die." (Applause.)

We stand before the public today asking them to weigh our merits, but to pardon our defects. If you can't give us money, we will carry on cheerfully, making the best of the little that we have, but we do claim as a right your sympathy and co-operation. (Applause.) Not many years ago, a writer in the November number of the 19th Century, observed, a cynic wrote with some truth: "The English middle classes have never believed in education; they send their sons to public schools to be inoculated against it." The War destroyed this belief. A change began in 1916 and since then the conviction has grown, that it is the duty of the age to furnish its youth with its best, and that best is believed to be a liberal education. All schools and universities are filled as never before. Rich parents anxiously besiege house-masters' doors, while no less eager parents from less wealthy homes clamour for the admission of their children into the municipal secondary schools. Nor is it hard to find reason for this new belief in education. Force has failed, and the failure of force is education's opportunity. (Applause.)

Cracker Displays.

His Excellency then conferred the honorary degrees and also the degrees upon the graduates presented by the Deans of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Arts. Special applause greeted Miss Irene Ho Tung, the only lady graduate and the second since the University opened, who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The ceremony was constantly interrupted by cracker displays in the gallery.

The Governor's Speech.

His Excellency the Chancellor, who was received with loud and continued applause, said:

I value very highly the added opportunities which are now given to the Governor of Hongkong for assisting in the educational progress of the Colony by reason of the fact that he is *ex-officio* Chancellor of the Hongkong University. I must also thank you most sincerely for the welcome you have given me on the occasion of this, my first ceremonial visit to the University as its Chancellor and for the honorary degree which the University has conferred upon me. It

will be my constant aim to promote the academic interests which are thus committed to my care and, with your permission, I propose to-day in my inaugural address to present for your consideration certain ideas which I trust may be helpful to that section of the Faculty of Arts in this University which concerns itself with things Chinese.

In the remote age, when human speech was first becoming articulate, two inventions of far-reaching importance were made by widely-sundered races of mankind. The progenitors of the Indo-European race, living as seems probable in the steppe country east of Europe and north of India, evolved a mode of speech which was inflexional and polysyllabic, while the progenitors of the Chinese race, who appear to have inhabited the Yellow River basin, created a language which was non-inflexional and monosyllabic. At a much later date, probably not earlier than the first millennium before Christ, alphabetic scripts of various kinds were invented or adapted for the use of the Indo-European language in different parts of the world. Such are the *magari* script for Sanskrit, the cuneiform script for Persian and the Phoenician script for Greek and Latin. Later still the Arabic method of writing numerals was adopted through Europe.

Meanwhile in China the invention of a non-inflexional monosyllabic language, in which monosyllables of the same sound are further differentiated from each other by intonation, was followed by the equally remarkable invention of an ideographic script. This script was entirely without an alphabet and it was in origin a pictorial system, which made appeal to the eye and not to the ear. By degrees, however, all ideograms were split up—in some cases very arbitrarily—into two component parts, namely a radical element which appeals to the eye and indicates the general meaning of the word, and a phonetic element which suggests the sound of the word. A good example is the ideogram *au*, which means "a song," and in which the radical element depicts a mouth speaking, while the rest of the ideogram (if written without the radical prefix) would still be pronounced *au* and is a picture of three mouths grouped together.

Advantage of Picture Writing.

Now the obvious advantage of picture writing as distinct from alphabetic script is that the picture at once suggests the meaning of a word, but the alphabet does not. On the other hand the equally obvious disadvantage of picture writing is that the idea conveyed by the ideogram can be spoken in a multitude of ways, whereas a word written alphabetically has, subject of course to different nuances of pronunciation among different peoples, only one sound. If I point to a picture of a man and ask a child to tell me what it is, the English child will say "man," the French child "homme" and the Cantonese child "yan." But if I write alphabetically the word "magnanimity," English, French and Cantonese children, provided they can spell, will all give it much the same sound. Now this fact has been an important historical result in China, for it is the reason why the Chinese spoken language changes from province to province, although the written language is the same throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Let me take, for instance, a Chinese word, which has been adopted into the English language and which is constantly on our lips, the word "tea." The ideogram for this word is pronounced *ch'a* both by the Cantonese and the Pekingese and thence comes the Russian *chai*, doubtless because the Russians got their tea from the Chinese of the north. But the same ideogram in Fuhlen is pronounced *ti*; and, as British traders first brought tea to England from the Fukien province, it was natural that they should bring with them its Fuhlenese name and hence the English word "tea."

Now it is evident that two Chinese, who wish to talk about tea, will not easily understand each other if, while one speaks of the beverage as *ti*, the other calls it *ch'a*; and this is only one instance of the strangely different sounds given by Chinese in different provinces to the same ideogram in a very great number of cases. Consequently, whereas the written language has been a bond of union between the Eighteen Provinces, the spoken language divides various sections of the Chinese race quite as much as differing languages divide the several nations of Europe.

Hokios and Hakkas.

The inconvenience of this fact can be readily experienced by anyone who moves among the Chinese population of Hongkong. Most people here speak Cantonese, but the chair-coolies are generally Hokios, the villagers are often Hakkas, and many of the Chinese police are from Shantung and speak the dialect of that province. I have myself heard two Chinese in Hongkong talking to each other in "pidgin English" as a sort of *lingua franca*, because one was from the north and the other from the south, and therefore they could not understand each other's native speech.

For the future of China, if it is ever to have national unity, few things are of greater importance than that a speech common to the Eighteen Provinces should be contrived; and this is a matter which may well engage the attention of that section of the Faculty of Arts in this University which devotes itself to the study of the Chinese language and literature.

But the difficulty, which I have just described, is only one of many which beset the Chinese language, whether spoken or written. The object of human speech is, of course, to give utterance to human thought; and the various human languages differ in merit according as they are capable of expressing each and every thought which enters into the mind of man.

Language should also be capable of translating accurately the speech and thoughts of one people into those of another people. Now it is possible to render into English and into several other languages with very reasonable accuracy anything that the Chinese people write or say; but from early times the Chinese themselves have experienced much difficulty in translating the works of other peoples into their own language.

The Buddhist Sutras.

Let me take first the case of a famous Chinese mistranslation from the Buddhist Sutras. In the Sanskrit version of these sutras, from which the Chinese translated, Buddha is very frequently called *avalokitevara*. This is a compound word and it may be analysed as follows: *ava* is a preposition and means "over"; *lokita* means "over-looking." Now there is in Sanskrit a set of phonetic laws, called *Sandhi*, governing the manner in which vowels and consonants are combined; and one of these laws prescribes that, when the vowels *a* and *i* meet, they merge into the vowel sound *e*.

Bearing this law in mind and resolving the letter *e* in *avalokitevara* into its component parts, we find that the latter half of the compound is the word *tevara*, meaning "sovereign." The whole compound, therefore, is a description of Buddha as the sovereign who overlooks mankind from above. But the Chinese translators knew nothing of *sandhi*, and they also failed to take note of the fact that there are in Sanskrit three syllabants, which western scholars transliterate S, C and Sh respectively. Accordingly they analysed the compound *avalokitevara* into two component parts, *avalokita* and *svara*, which they translated as "overlooking" (*kun*) and "sound" (*yam*). Of course, the phrase "Overlooking Sound" makes nonsense; but nevertheless, the words *Kun-yam* or in Pekingese *Kuan-yin* and in Japanese *Kannon* have now a very wide vogue and form the name of a much-worshipped goddess in the Buddhist pantheon.

May I, however, explain to you the reason why I have gone into such detail concerning this mistranslation? It is because I defy any Chinese scholar, be he a *hokio* or even a *chong-yun*, to translate what I have just said into Chinese. The Chinese language is such that these thoughts cannot be expressed in it and that Chinese words for much of what I have just said do not exist. The Chinese translators of the Buddhist sutras felt this difficulty themselves.

There was a time in the earlier period of my service in Hongkong when I amused myself by making a detailed comparison between some of the Sanskrit sutras and their Chinese translations. All that I then did went to the bottom of Hongkong harbour with several other manuscripts in the typhoon of 1906; but I well remember that time and again, as I read the Chinese version, I came upon passages which seemed entirely meaningless until I turned to the Sanskrit original, when I found that the Chinese text was at those points not a translation, but a trans-
literation from the Sanskrit. The

baffled Chinese translator had, in fact, contented himself with reproducing the sound, and not the sense, of the Sanskrit words. From Ancient to Modern.

Now I venture to think that, if we pass from ancient to modern times, the difficulties met by the Chinese translators of the Sanskrit sutras will be felt in an even greater degree by anyone who to-day attempts to translate, say, Hegel's *Logic* or the writings of Einstein into Chinese. But it may justly be said that these works are so abstruse that they present great difficulties in respect of translation into any language whatsoever.

Take, therefore, instead, such writings as the simplest text book of English grammar, or of modern geography, history or science: how are they to be translated into a non-alphabetic script? Or consider the case of arithmetic, algebra or trigonometry; is it not clear that no works on such subjects can be translated into Chinese without adopting the whole system of numerical and mathematical notation invented in the west? The fact is that the Chinese language and the Chinese script form an excellent medium for the study of things Chinese, but that Chinese monosyllables and Chinese ideograms are a kind of linguistic bed of Procrustes, into which thoughts and words that are alien to the Chinese can only be forced by such drastic choppings and changings as to render them unrecognizable.

Now, inasmuch as no true educational advance in China can be made without an assimilation of western knowledge, it follows either that the Chinese spoken and written language must be modified by the addition to it of an alphabet in a manner similar to that in which the Japanese *Kana* supplements the Japanese ideograms; or else that the Chinese people must become bilingual and teach their children some alphabetic foreign language in addition to their mother tongue.

Vernacular School Problem.

A decision between these alternatives will have very far-reaching effects upon the future of China and I suggest that this problem also may, with advantage, be studied by the Faculty of Arts in this University. It is a problem which must certainly be faced by the Government of Hongkong in connection with the vernacular schools for which we are responsible both in the Colony and in the New Territories, and upon its solution will depend the future of our system of vernacular education.

The old, time-honoured methods of Chinese education have been destroyed with a startling suddenness and no other well-thought-out system has yet taken its place. Chinese children no longer begin their school days by committing to memory the *Sam Tze King* and the *Ts'in Tsz Man* and thereafter the Four Books and the Five Classics.

The old respect for the "eight-legged essay" has vanished and the ancient scheme of examination for provincial and national degrees has been abolished. But no standard text-books or authoritative curriculum have so far replaced the methods of bygone days; and here again I think that the Faculty of Arts in this University has before it a wide field for most useful work. The problem is nothing less than the invention of a new medium of education, for several hundred million human beings, and its importance for the future of mankind cannot be exaggerated.

I wish to guard myself carefully against any suggestion that the remarks which I have made are intended as a disparagement of the Chinese language and literature. Nothing is further from my thoughts. I have devoted many years of my life to a study of Chinese and my study has left me with a profound admiration of Chinese literature and especially of Chinese poetry. But the Chinese language has in a very real sense "the defect of its qualities." Its best quality is the concise, lucid and picturesque manner in which it portrays Chinese life and thought. Its corresponding defect is that, possibly because it forms so excellent a medium for the study of things Chinese, it is a very refractory medium for the interpretation of western ideas. It forms indeed a sort of Forbidden City into which anything that is not Chinese can enter only in disguise, if at all. The problem for solution is how best the gates of this Forbidden City may be thrown open.

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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TO-MORROW.

By "Wanderer."

For the first time for several seasons local boxing fans will be treated to a featherweight championship bout to-morrow evening when at the City Hall the Hongkong Boxing Association holds its twenty-fourth tournament, the fourth of 1925-26.

The absence of men of good class able to make the featherweight limit has been mainly responsible for what might appear to be a deficiency, but with the rapid improvement of Drummer Bowles, signalled by his magnificent win over Sign. Rogers, and the appearance on the scene of A. B. Gardner of H.M.S. Hermes, a belt contest between these two men will meet with general approval.

Gardner during his short stay in the Colony has credited himself with two wins over Harry Major, and one over his opponent of to-morrow's eve. But it has to be remembered that on the last occasion Bowles and Gardner faced one another in the ring, Gardner had an advantage in the weights of at least eight pounds, the figures given being Gardner, 134 lbs. and Bowles 126 lbs.

It just remains to be seen whether Gardner can rid himself of the superfluous poundage without affecting his strength, and, of course, he has to reduce that eight pounds to qualify himself to fight featherweight in a championship contest.

Bowles can make the weight with ease and I think he can do sufficiently well to reverse the previous decision. A featherweight contest should by its very nature provide an excellent bout and with two such men as Bowles and Gardner in opposition, such is assured. Personally I fancy the fight is likely to go the full distance, for while Gardner has never given the impression that he possesses a punch calculated to place his opponents in the realms of Morpheus, he has proved his stamina. Bowles has the punch but he is being called upon to demonstrate it against a boxer with a remarkable defence.

A bout which is staged as a secondary attraction but which will be as keenly anticipated as the major contest is that between A. B. Ewin, of the Hermes, and A. B. Pearce, of the Hawkins. Pearce will have the benefit of the weights, and he is likely to fully extend the welterweight champion of the Colony. It will not be Ewin's first adventure into the middleweight division, for last year at home he won the middleweight championship of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Pearce has not the experience of the Hermes fighter, but his style is very similar, the neat upright stance typically British, and one can at least guarantee that there will be nothing in the shape of a deterioration into a catch-as-catch-can contest, such as we were forced to submit to at the last tournament.

Ewin should win, though I think Pearce will push him all the way. The four six-round preliminaries include a meeting between Harry Major and Corpl. Choules. Major showed up well in a great fight with Gardner on December 23rd, but he has to come back a good deal more before he can qualify for a cut at the championship. Corpl. Choules is perhaps a little heavy for him, but Choules will need the additional weight to give Major a real test.

Stoker Thompson, H.M.S. Titania, is well known to local fans, though his principal successes were over Pte. Eaton, in the final of the middleweights at the V.R.C. in 1924 and in the return bout at the City Hall the same year. His only fight in 1925 was at the last tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association when he fought well but lost on points to A. B. Pearce. His opponent "Dolly" Gray, Iroquois, has not previously fought before the Hongkong public, but he is credited with being a good man. He was runner up to Corpl. Downton in the Port Championships at home last year.

L/S Baker, Hermes, has been a regular performer, and he meets L/Stoker Everest, of the Robin. The latter's record is not available, but I understand he comes with good credentials and is likely to give a good account of himself.

The last item on the programme features two comparatively newcomers in Stoker Pemberton, Marazion, and Stoker Brown, Hawkins, in a lightweight duel. Brown knocked out Tel. Earl of the Marazion, lost by a narrow margin to L. Tel. Emmerson, and also lost to A. B. Quinn, the referee intervening in the fourth round. Both Emmerson and Quinn are good class men. Pemberton has a somewhat better record, though he has not fought for some time. His last bout was at Tientsin when he defeated the welterweight champion of the Loyal Regiment. Previously he was runner up at his weight in the Army and Navy Championships, went ten rounds at Blackfriars Ring with Joe Chisholt and fifteen rounds with Ex-Seaman Fracknell.

The full programme for to-morrow's tournament follows:
FIFTEEN ROUNDS, FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.
Drummer Bowles v. A. B. Gardner.

TEN ROUNDS, MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. B. Ewin v. A. B. Pearce.

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A. B. Baker v. L/Stoker Everest.

DEGREE DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

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Language Substitution.

I must also guard myself against the misconception that I have any desire to see a reformed Chinese language substituted for English as the medium of instruction in this University. Such an idea is so far from my mind that I would rather give it as my settled opinion that no Chinese can make a really scientific study even of his own language without first acquiring a competent knowledge of some inflexional language, and that he will find no language more useful than English for such a purpose.

When we look through the eye-piece of a telescope, we see the object in the field of vision, but the telescope itself disappears from view. Similarly when we use our mother tongue as an instrument for the expression of thought, we lose sight of its grammatical, syntactical and etymological peculiarities; and these peculiarities are best brought home to us when we place our native language side by side with another language, or preferably with several other languages, and study them in comparison as it were from outside.

I say this as one who has taken a lifelong interest in philology, but as a man of the world and a persistent traveller over the earth's highways and byways, I would add that I greatly cherish the hope that some day a League of Nations will agree to teach all children of whatever race and people from youth upwards one and the same second language, in addition to their native language, and that this language, common to all people on earth, should be the English language. World-wide action on these lines would, I firmly believe, do more to promote peace, and goodwill among different races and nations than can ever be effected by treaties or conventions.

Such a hope will not be fulfilled in our lifetime; but may I, in conclusion take up a more lowly standpoint and suggest that the austere manner in which the Chinese language frowns at everything which is not Chinese perhaps accounts for the fact that so many Europeans live for years in Hongkong and in the Chinese treaty-ports without making any effort to speak or to read the Chinese language? Accordingly, the peculiar comprador system has come into being and we have a whole host of intermediaries between the westerner and the Chinese. Only Government officials and missionaries, as a rule, can deal direct with the Chinese who surround them, and hence arise many regrettable misunderstandings. In this matter there seems to be room for give and take.

The Chinese admittedly desire to acquire western learning. They should, therefore, endeavour to make their language a more flexible medium for conveying western thought. The Europeans wish to trade with the Chinese. They should, therefore, make a sincere effort to acquaint themselves with the Chinese language. If Government officials and missionaries can do so, why cannot the merchants follow suit? It would pay them handsomely and they would soon find that there is not only profit, but also pleasure, in forming friendships with Chinese gentlemen of the old school, who may perhaps not have been westernized, as is the case with many of the younger generation, but who in intelligence, uprightness and good-manners, have nothing to learn from the west. Here again I think that the Hongkong University has before it a wide sphere of usefulness, and I propose as soon as possible to inquire how far the Faculty of Arts can assist the Hongkong Government in the higher education of our cadets in the Chinese language and generally in things Chinese and also to ascertain what arrangements can be made to afford similar facilities in the Chinese University for young English business men, who look forward to making a career in China; because, important though it is for this University to interpret western thoughts and aspirations to China, it is no less important that it should adequately interpret Chinese thoughts and aspirations to the West. (Applause).

Degrees.
Following is a complete list of degrees conferred.

Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa).—His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotowall, Mr. R. Ponsbury Fane, Sir Edward Stubbs, (in absentia).

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Paris, Jan. 12.

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A CHAUFFEUR'S EVIDENCE.

Budapest, Jan. 12.

The names of several persons whose identity have not so far been disclosed, have been mentioned to the authorities enquiring into the banknote affair by Prince Windischgratz's chauffeur as having accompanied the Prince on numerous visits to the Cartographical Institute. The chauffeur's evidence has opened up further enquiries and it is expected that the main proceedings of the affair will be completed in six weeks' time unless the State legal authorities desire further investigations.—*Reuter*.

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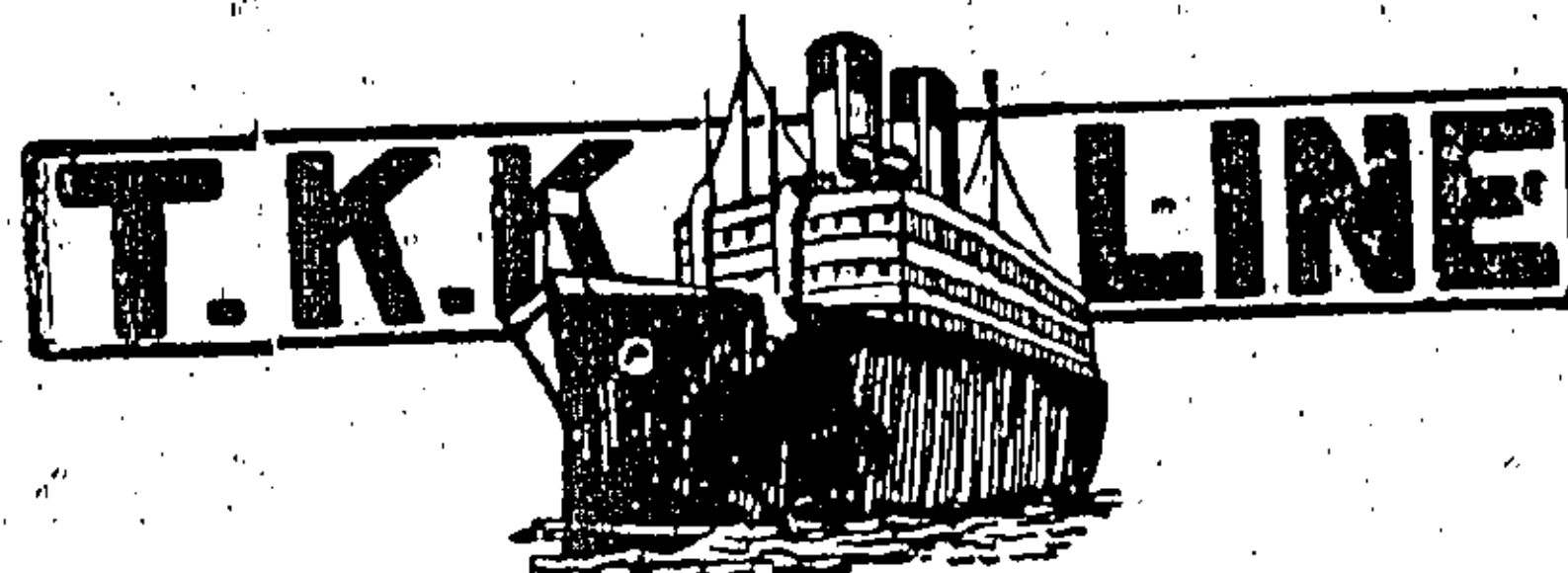
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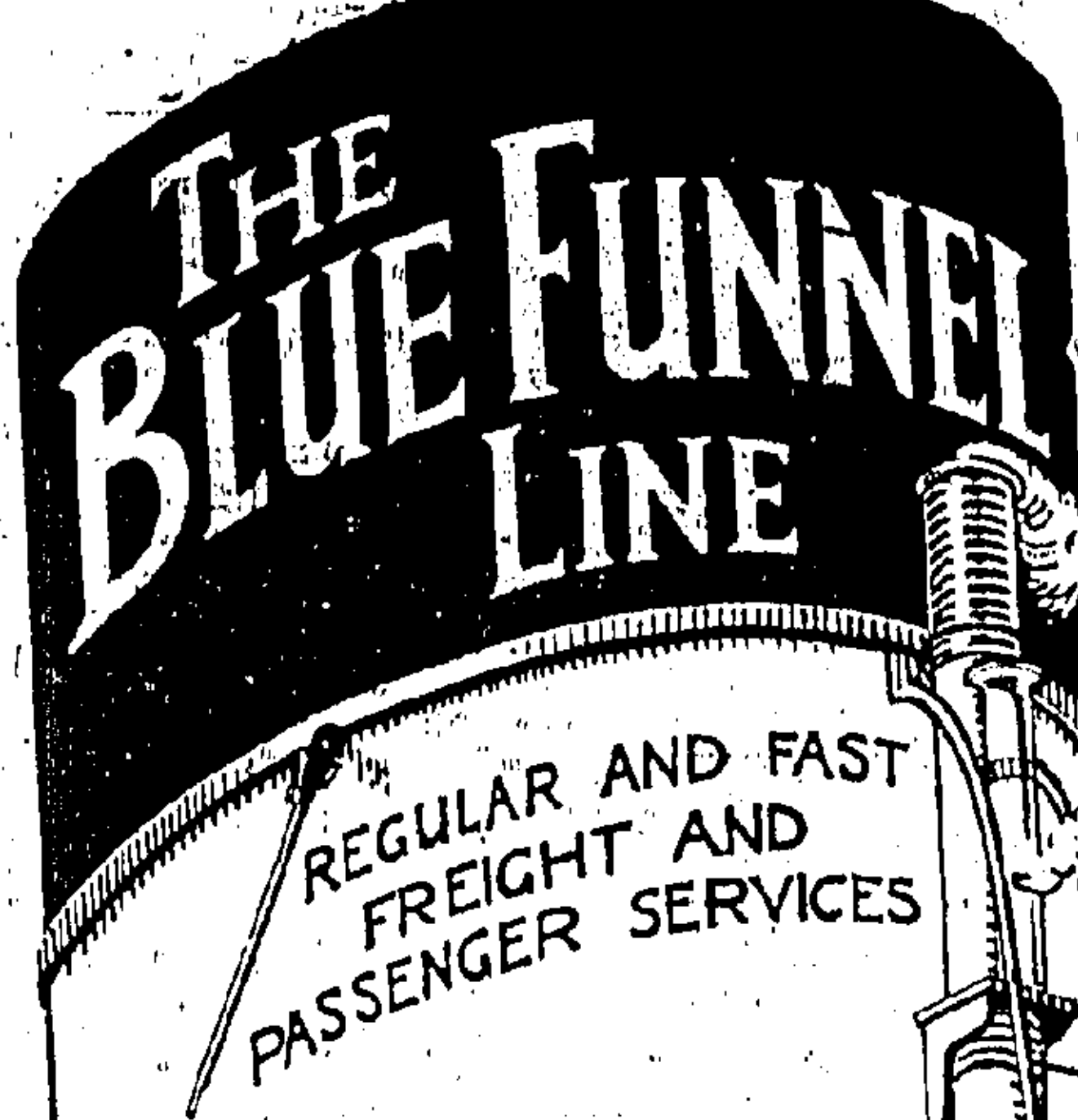
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A few weeks ago the first Australian aborigine was ordained in the Anglican Church at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, Western Australia, writes a correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*. His name is James Noble, and he is a fine specimen of the Australian race, for 45 years of age. He stands over 6ft high, and, despite his 14 stone, is as skilled a stockman as he is preacher and teacher. The Rev. James Noble was born on an island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and is a pure-blooded native.

Moscow, Dec. 22.—While making excavations in the tumulus in the vicinity of Simferopol, the Central Museum of Taurida has discovered a Cimbric sepulchre, belonging to the second millennium before our era (Cimbric—the people who inhabited the coast of Cimbric Bosphorus, the present Kertch Bay, in antiquity). The sepulchre consists of two tombs, where four skeletons have been discovered. The skeletons are painted red, this is due to the Cimbric custom of sprinkling the corpses of their dead with ochre.

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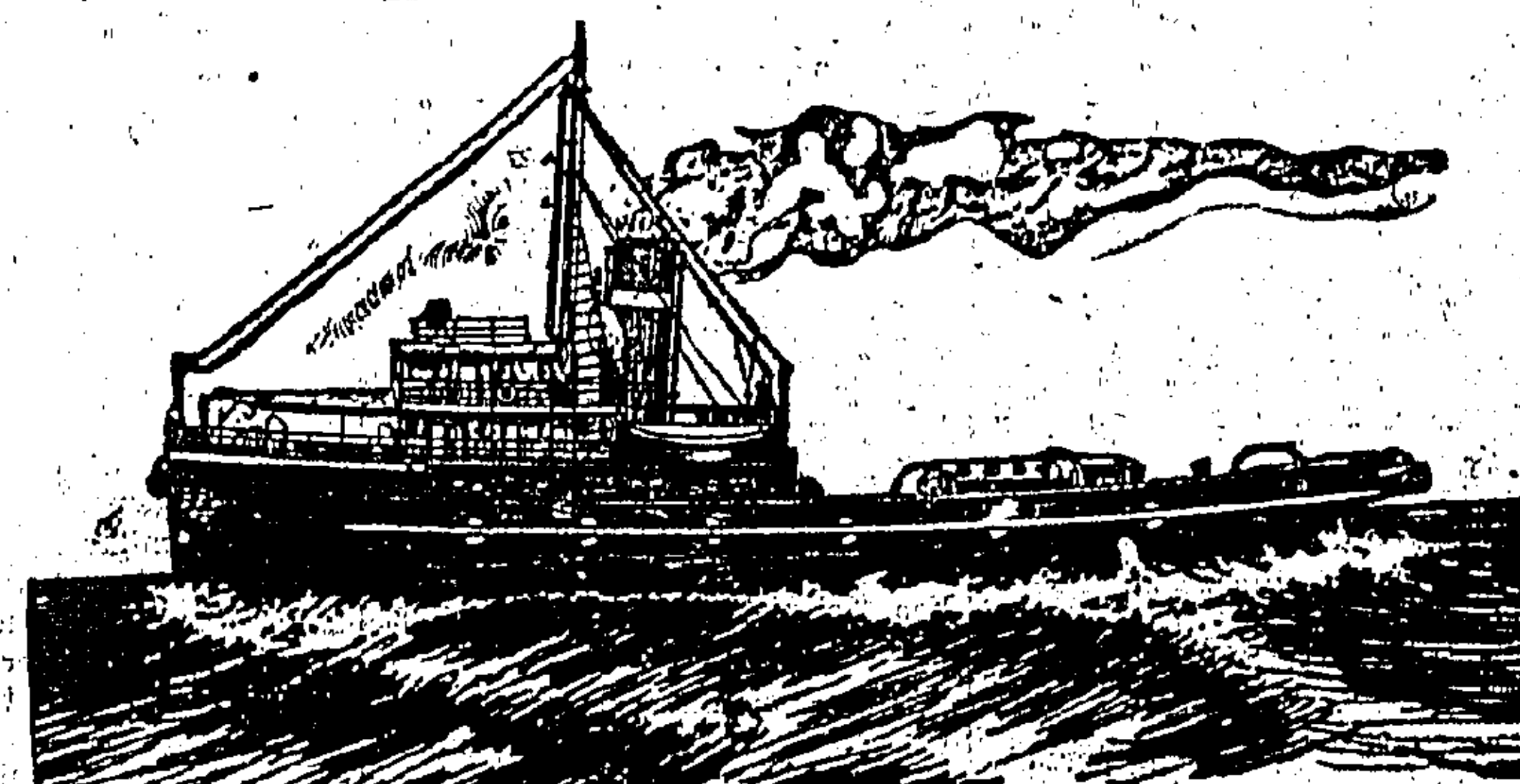
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"SWEATED GOODS."

LEEDS CONFERENCE
RHETORIC.

London, Jan. 12.

At the conference of the University Labour Federation at Leeds, some of the speakers criticised the policy of the Labour party in prohibiting the import of Eastern sweated goods, and also opposed the idea of an eight-hour day being insisted on in Eastern countries. A farmer declared that it was useless to discuss conditions in Japan when some agricultural workers in England were working 75 to 80 hours a week for fifteen shillings weekly.

The president, the M.P. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, defending the action of the Labour party in opposing the import of sweated goods, said he desired to protect the East from cosmopolitan financiers, who were seeking opportunities to exploit the illimitable labour of the East.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN COAL DISPUTE.

New York, Jan. 12.

The Conference between employers' representatives and the strikers in the anthracite coal-mines, has adjourned without reaching a settlement. The date for the renewal of negotiations has not been determined.

The mineowners insisted on complete arbitration while the miners maintained that arbitration was only acceptable on the basis of increased wages without any reductions.

It is announced from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, that the Grievance Committee of the Pennsylvania Coal Company to-day decided to launch a movement to call out all the anthracite mine maintenance men for the purpose of forcing an issue, and it is generally believed there that the strikers will make a determined effort to tie up the mines completely.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN COTTON.

SHORTER SPINNING HOURS.

London, Jan. 12.

The short time committee of the Federation of Master Cotton-spinners at Manchester has decided to request spinners in the American section further to curtail production from January 25, by 17½ hours weekly, thus reducing their working week in this section to 30½ hours.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN CABINET.

Berlin, Jan. 12.

Efforts by the Centrists and Democrats to organise a big coalition suffered early shipwreck by the Socialist Reichstag party emphatically declining to participate.

It is regarded as practically certain that President Hindenburg will now ask Dr. Luther to form a Government.—*Reuter.*

Berlin, Jan. 12.

President Hindenburg has pressed the Parties to come to an agreement. He received Dr. Koebel, leader of the Democrats, and Herr Fehrenbach, leader of the Centre, who conferred also with the Socialists whose leaders still remain opposed to a big Coalition.—*Indopacific.*

TACNA-ARICA DISPUTE.

GEN. PERSHING'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Jan. 12.

Major General William Lassiter has been appointed to succeed General Pershing as head of the Tacna-Arica plebiscite commission. Gen. Lassiter is at present in Panama and has been instructed to proceed to Arica forthwith, to enable Gen. Pershing to return to the United States for medical treatment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH POLITICS.

Paris, Jan. 12.

Parliament resumes to-day. The Radical-Socialist group has re-elected M. Cazals as President.—*Indopacific.*

LOCAL HOCKEY.

WIN FOR "HERMES" TEAM.

By four goals to one, a hockey team from H.M.S. Hermes defeated Hongkong Hockey Club second eleven at the United Services recreation ground, Kowloon, last evening, in a match that was at times very apathetic. Although occasionally the game developed on fast lines, in the main there was very little of an interesting nature. Once again the Club team started with two men short, and they played a Punjabi man nearly throughout the game. Only one of the two players turned up, and when he arrived his side were two goals down.

The sailors were obviously the better team and thoroughly deserved their victory. On the other hand, although they had a weakened team, the Club at times more than managed to hold their own, although they did not succeed in scoring.

At the beginning both sides did their share of attacking, and both Frank and Lt. Findlay were called upon on several occasions. Price at outside left for the Club was noticeable for making a number of plucky efforts to get through, but he was invariably stopped by Lt. Cdr. Beatty, right back, who played a sound game throughout. The game had been in progress for some time before Lt. Haines obtained the first goal for the "Hermes", and from the bully-off the same player added a second. For some time after the Club were defending, only making occasional attacks without result. The interval arrived with the score unchanged.

The sailors immediately took up the running on the resumption, and Wedlake was noticeable with good clearing efforts. Becher also did his fair share but he was not so sound as Wedlake. Once the Punjabi's man, who was playing outside right, got away in fine style on the wing, but as he ran in towards the goal Lt. Findlay ran out and dispossessed him. Few other real scoring tries came from the Club after that. Price had hard luck in failing to hook the ball into the net from a pass from the right. After many attempts, Lt. Maude and Lt. Sillitoe secured a goal each.

OPERA COMPANY.

SOME OF THE PRINCIPALS.

Some interesting particulars are forwarded us with regard to the leading lights in the Russian Light Opera Company, which opens a brief season here on Saturday.

Mary Insarova, who takes a large number of the leading parts, has a wonderful voice and it will be of great interest to old staggers, who remember Dala, to compare her presentation of the "Merry Widow" with that of Lily Elsie. She also takes the part of Ilona in "Gipsy Love".

Natalie Boghagova, apart from her outstanding merits as a vocalist, and an artist, captures the hearts of all her audiences by her sympathetic personality. In "The Dollar Princess" she takes the part of Alice—the daughter of Kuddor, the millionaire played by M. Bakaleinikoff. She also takes a leading part in "The Merry Widow" and "Gipsy Love." We now come to Anna and Ivan Lantsoff, and their special claim to mention is that not only are they wonderful character dancers themselves, but they are chiefly responsible for training the Ballet. It is not easy to write about the Ballet because in the Far East there is no standard of comparison. All that can be said is that the ballet consists of artistes of a calibre which has never before appeared in Hongkong.

GOLF MATCH.

ARMY v. NAVY.

The following team will represent the Army v. R.N. China Squadron at Fanling on Friday, 15th instant:—Captain F. G. Bovis, Captain E. W. Morris, D.S.O., Lt. Col. S. Boylan Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.B., Major C. T. Smith, Captain C. A. Bridgland, D.F.C., Major W. W. Pratt, M.B., Major J. P. Lynch, Captain R. A. Slater, M.C., Captain J. M. Murphy, Captain M. Middleton, Captain L. D. Joll, M.C., Captain E. Hall, Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., Major G. L. Peterson, O.B.E., Captain N. O. Parkos and Lieut. H. L. C. Hall.

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The Canadian Pacific offices in the East are making arrangements for shore excursions. Programmes will be distributed to passengers a day before the arrival of the ship at various ports. The vessel is due to leave Shanghai on February 20th.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS.

TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Jan. 12.

At the Socialist Congress, after M. Renaudel had spoken, speeches were delivered by M. Maurange, M. Grumbach and M. Paul Faure attacking those in favour of participation in the Government, quoting the arguments of M. Renaudel and of M. Albert Thomas against participation.

The Committee of Resolutions, being unable to arrive at full agreement, two motions were presented, the first by M. Compere Morel and M. Paul Faure against participation but agreeing to follow a policy of support of the Government in order to maintain peace and obtain reforms; the second, by M. Renaudel, conceding the possibility of collaboration without claiming a preponderance of Socialists in the Cabinet. The first motion was adopted by 1,766 votes to 1332.—*Indopacific.*

SYRIAN ELECTIONS.

A BOYCOTT MOVEMENT.

Paris, Jan. 12.

The opening of elections has revealed the existence of an organisation directed by a few Syrian feudal leaders who are disaffected with the democratic character of the constitutional measures proposed by France and who are determined to prevent the expression of popular opinion. Mainly at Home they are trying to boycott the elections, but without results.—*Indopacific.*

CONGRESSMAN JAILED.

FOR VIOLATING LIQUOR LAW.

Pikeville, Jan. 12.

John W. Langley, Kentucky member of Congress for nearly twenty years, has gone to the Atlantic Penitentiary to serve two years' imprisonment for violation of the liquor law. His resignation was presented to the House of Representatives yesterday after Chief Justice Taft has refused a stay of judgment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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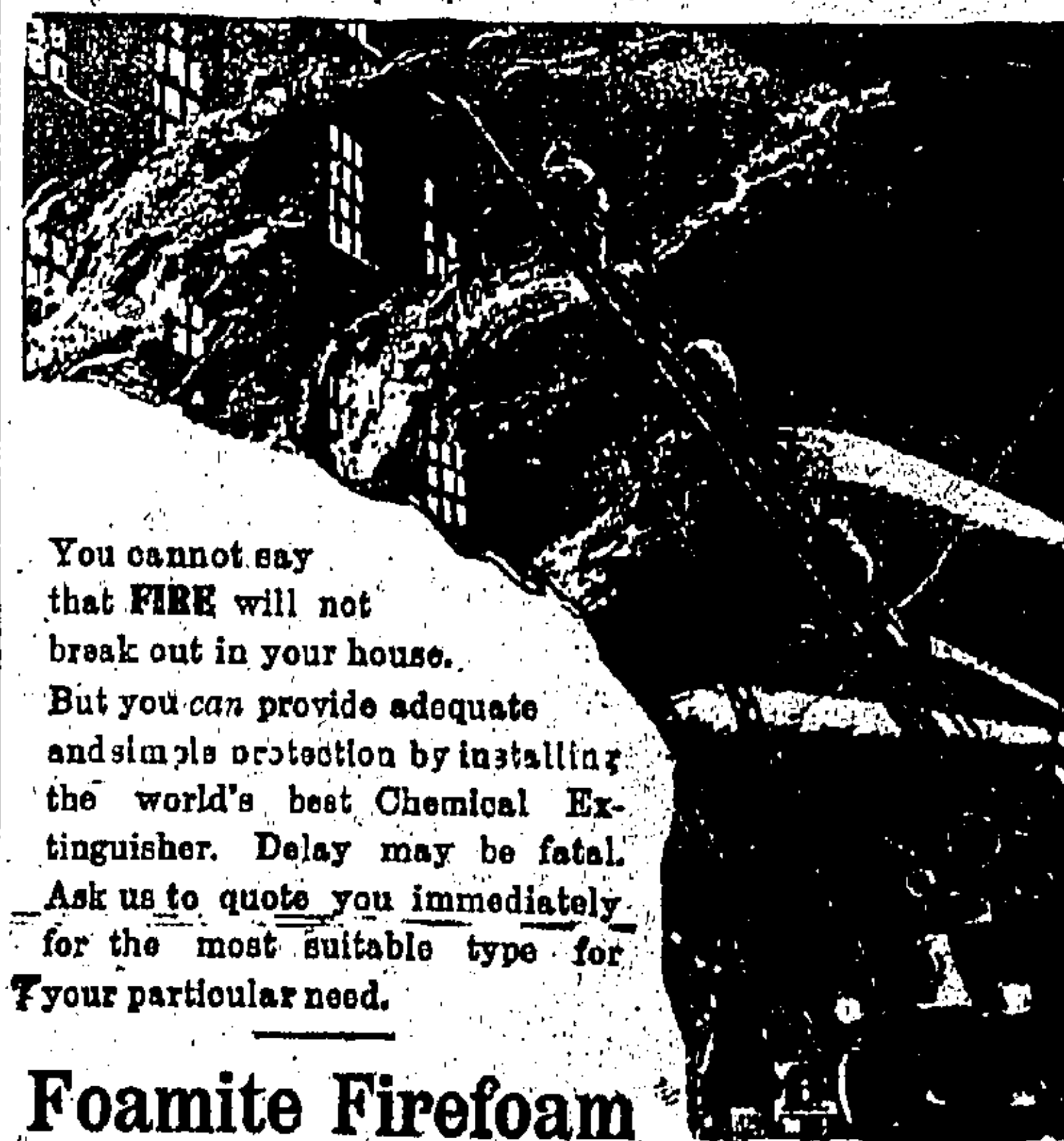
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Longerliving, less sensitive radio tubes are predicted with the announcement that solid thorium filaments will soon be made. This prediction is made by Prof. J. H. Mosecroft, past president of the Institute of Radio Engineers, in the December issue of Radio Broadcast Magazine.